Israel boycott office to boost action

DAMASCUS (R) - The Arab movement to boycott Israel is planning to step up economic measures against the Jewish state, a senior movement official said Saturday. Zuheir Aquel, commissioner general of the Arab League's Boycott Office, told liauson officials at the opening of a week-ling meeting that the boycott was a great Arab achievement. The istone of the Arab weapons in confronting the Zionist entity, which we ought to maintain to prevent Israel's economic development and full its ambitions," he said. Ageel said the deaths of Palestinians in profests in the Israeli-occupied territories should be "a motive for all of us to technoli-Arab boycott measures and stand by our brothers in lighting Zionn.; aggression." He said the main topic at the conference would be new to give the Arab boycott "more momentum and effectiveness, facilitate its measures and speed up decision-taking." The boxeon office was set up in 1951 with headquarters in Damascus to isolate Israel economically by boycoming foreign firms or individuals which maintained help with it

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Premier briefs Cabinet on talks with PLO

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai Saturday briefed the Cabinet on the nutcome of talks held with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) delegation. During the weekly regular session the Cabinet approved a draft law amending laws that govern the Water and Jurdan Valley authorities. The amended law puts both bodies under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Water and Irrigation, and their boards of directors would be chaired by the minister nf water and irrigation. The Conncil of Ministers also decided to amend the law governing the Aqaba Reginnal Authority by which the authority comes under the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs. The law of higher education was also amended dur-ing the Cabinet meeting.

Romans demonstrate in support of **Palestinians**

ROME (R) — Thnusands of peo-ple marched through central Rome carrying prn-Palestinan banners and shnuting anti-Israeli singans Saturday to protest against Israel's handling of unrest in its occupied territories. The march was organised by a leftist party and actors and intellectuals, Some marchers wore traditional Arab bead-dress and carried photographs of Palestine Liberatinn Örganisatinn (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat. Others carried banners reading "Nicaragua has been freed, Palestine is next" and "Stop the massacre."

Arabs stage march in Nicosia

NICOSIA (R) - About 250 Arab demonstrators, mostly children, marched to the U.S. embassy Saturday in printest against U.S. support for Israel, witnesses said. The marchers delivered a note to the embassy saying Washington was supplying Israel with tear-gas grenades and other weapons which were used against Palestinians. "We condemn ynnr aggressive policy against the Palestinian people and their noble uprising," the note said.

Nicaragua frees

U.S. pilot MANAGUA (R) - The Nicaraguan government Saturday freed a U.S. civilian pilot who had spent seven weeks in detention and was put on trial for links with U.S.-backed contra rebels. James Jardan Denby, a 58-year-old rancher from Illinois, was handed to California Pulitician Bill Press, described by a colleague as a "candidate for the U.S. Senate." Denhy was captured on Dec. 6 when his single-engine Cessna-172 was forced down nn a remote beach by Sandinista gunfire about 240 kilometres southeast nf Man-

Delhi imposes direct rule on Tamil Nadu

NEW DELHI (R) — The Indian government sacked the widow nf screen idol M.G. Ramachandran as chief minister of Tamil Nadu Saturday and imposed direct rule from New Delhi in India's south-ernmost state. The decisinn throws wide open a battle for supremacy between Janaki Ramacbandran and ber husband's former leading lady and close associate Jayalalitha. President Ramaswamy Venkataraman said he had agreed to a central government's request in impose president's rule.

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His Majesty King Hussein Saturday receives U.S. President Ronald Reagan's special envoy, Philip Reagan sends message to King on Palestinian revolt By a Jordan Times Staff Writer with agency dispatches AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein

Saturday received a message from U.S. President Ronald Reagan on the latest developments in the Middle East in general and the current situation in the Israeli-occupied Arab territories in particular. The message was delivered to the King at Al Nadwa Palace by Reagan's special envny Philip

Habib, the Jurdan News Agency, The audience was attended by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem,

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Jordan and the

Palestine Liberation Organis-

tion (PLO) ended four days nf

talks Saturday pledging tn in-

crease cooperation and con-

tinue efforts in find a common

ground for a joint pan-Arab

effort aimed at winning interna-

tional support for the Palesti-

nian uprising in the Israeli-

occupied territories and for a U.N.-sponsored international

conference nn the Middle East.

ence held at the Palestine

Natinnal Council (PNC) head-

quarters in Amman, PLO Ex-

ecutive Committee member

Abdullah Hnurani said that

relations between Jurdan and

the PLO have not been as they

should be, and no-one can ex-

pect things tn be solved in one or two days."

"I can nnly assure you that we were able to discuss things

Speaking at a press confer-

Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Armed Fnrces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and U.S. Ambassador in Amman Roscoe Suddarth.

U.S. officials said Friday they would discuss with Jordan and

Jordan, PLO to continue talks and

pursue bid for joint Arab position

Abdullah Hourani

ratinnally and with a certain

amnunt of responsibility, and

we agreed to continue consulta-

tions," added Hourani, whn

attended the meetings that

started Wednesday.

Hnurani said the meetings

dealt with the Palestinian upris-

ing in the occupied West Bank

and Gaza and the situation in

Israel ideas proposed by Egyptian President Hnsni Mubarak fnr breaking a deadlock in Middle East peace moves.

Habih, who delivered a message from Reagan to His Majesty (Petra photo)

Mubarak, who ended a visit to Washington Friday, bas suggested a six-month moratorium nn vinlence in the West Bank and Gaza, an international peace conference and a freeze nn Israeli settlements in the occupied terri-

In Washington the U.S. State
Department declined comment
Friday on remarks by King Hussein that the United States was
under the influence of Israeli

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as developments after the Nov.

8-11 Amman Arab summit and

the Jan. 23-24 Arab foreign

ministers meeting in Tunis.

He said the PLQ delegation

that attended this week's talks

in Amman did nnt come to

Inrdan to discuss "the rein-

statement of the Jnrdanian-

Palestinian agreement" of Feb.

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directed nur talks from was the

latest developments in the

Palestinian situatinn and ways

tn nrganise Arab efforts to

accelerate the convening of an

international peace confer-

Minister of Occupied Territor-

ies Affairs Marwan Dudin, whn

was a member of the Jordanian

delegation to the talks, as

saying that "such contacts

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The Associated Press qunted

ence." Hnurani said.

would continue."

11, 1985.

Israelis shoot and Crown Prince: Israel

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli troops shnt and wounded about 20 Palestinian protesters in the occupied West Bank Saturday as antioccupatinn demnnstrations continued for the seventh week run-

ning, hospital sources said. Around 20 Palestinians were brought to the Al Ittihad Hospital in Nablus with gunshnt wounds after clashes between troops and protesters who burned tyres and

hurled stones. Two of the demonstrators were seriously wounded, the hospital officials told Reuters.

They said the casualties included an 11-year-old boy hit in the neck and a 13-year-old hit in the hand.

Another five Palestinians were wounded by rubber bullets and six women suffered from tear-gas inhalation during the clashes in Nablus, they said. In Gaza City, an Israeli soldier

shut and seriously wounded a Palestinian in the chest after he allegedly tried to grab his weapon during a demonstration, an army spokeswnman said.

She said a 17-year-old woman was also injured in the hand during the clash, in which several protesters hurled metal pipes at soldiers whn demanded they clear the road of blockades of stones and burning tyres.

Palestinian sources said an Arah man aged 22 and a 20-yearold woman were shut and wounded by troops in Gaza when Palestimans gathered to protest against soldiers who stormed homes and beat people.

Israel Radio said troops dis-persed some 50 Palestinians in Palestine Square in Gaza by beating them with clubs.

Hospital officials said at least 40 Palestinians injured by beat-ings were brought to the Shifa and Ahli hospitals in Gaza.

In Nablus, press photographers said thousands of residents danced on roofmps, shouting anti-Israeli singans, and used slingshots to hurl stones at army helicipters dripping tear-gas grenades nn the market town. Scores of people waved Palestinian flags. The photographers said that

calls in demonstrate were heard nn loudspeakers frnm mosques in the town, which the army declared a closed military area. In Hehrnn, troops dispersed stonethrowing students from the

Islamic university. In Gaza, shipkeepers nbeyed calls to close down their stirres. The call was issued earlier in the week by the "National Unity Committee for the Uprising" in the occupied territories.

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ties surfaced when Likud member

nf parliament Ebud Olmert told

completely clear that the Amer-

icans are nnt partners to... (a Middle East) international peace

that an international peace con-

ference will cause undesirable pressure nn Israel," he said.

But Uri Savir, spokesman tn

"They have their reservations

Israeli television Friday:

conference.

Shamir wants U.S. to press for 'autonomy' talks The rift between the rival par-

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Sbamir urged the United States Saturday to press Jordan-and Egypt to hold direct negotiations with Israel nn Palectinian "relf-rule" Palestinian "self-rule."

In an interview with Israel Radio, Shamir said Washington, Amman and Cairo could agree on a Palestinian delegation to peace alks which would work for Ara "autonomy" in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Sbamir said nnce "autnnomy" was achieved in the occupied territories Palestinians could hold elections to choose a government that would negotiate with the Jewish state nn the permanent status of the West Bank and Gaza

Strip.
Meanwhile, the split in the Israeli government over moves tnwards a Middle East peace conference is intensifying, with offi-cials from both sides stepping up efforts to influence Washington.

The third Israeli envoy to visit Washington in two weeks. Labour Party adviser Nimrod Novik, departed unannunced Friday just hours after Likud bloc cabinet secretary Elyakim Rubinstein returned from talks with American officials.

Labour Party Foreign Minister Sbimnn Peres, tald the same interviewer: "The United States accepts an international peace conference leading to direct negntiations." The discord was voiced as U.S.

Secretary of State George Shultz, addressing a gathering for visiting Egyptian President Hosni Mubar ak, declared that Washington would support such a conference if it led to direct Arab-Israeli

Shamir fiercely npposes an international forum, while Peres favnurs the conference proposal as an npening tn talks with the

remains nuclear threat

From Salameh B. Ne'matt in Davos, Switzerland

HIS ROYAL Highness Crown Prince Hassan said Saturday that the signing in December of a superpower treaty to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) was bound to place Israel's nuclear capability into sharper focus in the planning of the U.S.'s global strategy and would deepen Washington's commitment to maintain and reinforce the Jew-

ish state's nuclear arsenal. "Thus," the Crown Prince said, "while all intermediate nuclear forces will be eliminated from the European theatre. Israel's nuclear weapons will still be deployed."

He said that hy virtue of its relations with the U.S., Israel would become "an auxiliary member of NATO, without having to be subject to the rules and regulations governing the alliance.

"This paradoxical anomaly offers Israel a certain degree of freedom in the procurement,

the deployment and use of various weapon systems, including nuclear ones. Addressing a gathering of participants in the I988 World

Economic Forum, Prince Has-

san said Israel halds a monopo-

the local powers in the Middle East, and as such, "there is no balance of terror" in the region.

'Nuclear option'

He said that it was "unlikely that Israel would simply opt for a surprise attack on an Arab country. There are no mattery or political advantages to be gained from such an opera-

But the nuclear option," he warned, "becomes viable for Israel when a conventional war degenerates into a prolonged war of attrition."

The Crown Prince said continued loss of life, coupled with mnunting pressures to cut the conflict short, may lead the Israeli political leadership to favnur the use of their nuclear

"Under these circumstances, there is no guarantee that an operation of this kind would nni convince the superpowers to intervene." he said.

"The other situation which may cause a nuclear war is the deployment and use of increasingly sophisticated missiles nf mass destruction by the protagonists which could invite

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Jordan seeks Turkish efforts to end Gulf war By Salameh B. Ne'matt in

Davos, Switzerland

HIS ROYAL Highness Crown Prince Hassan has urged Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal to do what he can to help end the lran-I'ra war during the pre-mier's fortbeoming visit to Iran and Iraq.

about this nnt just from their own interest... but also from a fear The Crown Prince made appeal Friday during a meeting here with Ozal. The Crown Prince and Ozal are in this Swiss mountain resort for the annual Wnrld Economic Forum.

Prince Hassan told a press conference Saturday that he spoke with Ozal about Jurdan's hopes that Iran would send a high-level delegation to an Islamic foreign minister's conference due to be held in Amman in March. He also discussed speculation that Iran plans to launch an offensive against Iraq in the next few weeks.

"We feel that this continuing vinlence and attriting must be stopped," the Crawn Prince said. He told a briefing for businessmen earlier Saturday that U.S. President Ronald Reagan had said that Washington would still

context of teactivating Mideast peace efforts "and could produce some surprises.

U.S. Secretary of State Charge Shultz had held surprise talks in Washington Wednesday with two Palestinian representatives from the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza.

Asked about Shultz's declaration that the U.S. still supported direct talks, Prince Hassan told juurnalists that serious talks would have to take place in the context of an international conference. He opposed a regional meeting if it prayed to he only a

"phota apportunity." The Crown Prince said the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories was a "spontaneous movement of protest." He described as significant a statement made recently by the Israeli defence minister. Yitzhak Rahin, that no Arab state nor organisatinn had anything to do with the

uprising. The Crown Prince said Jordan was awaiting the U.S. reaction to Egyptian Presidem Hosni Mubarak's proposal for a six-month moratorium on Violence and

Mubarak expects new U.S. moves

ABU DHABI (Agencies) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubar-ak has said after talks in Washing-ton that he expects the U.S. administration to take unspecified moves for a Middle East settlement, the Al Ittihad daily reported Saturday.

I think there will be American

actions and movement towards a peaceful solution to the Middle East problem," Mubarak told the newspaper after his Friday meeting with President Ronald

The U.S. administration was studying the situation and considering "the method of action" to be undertaken due to the political importance of this issue,

Mubarak was qunted as saying that his new initiative was received with "profound understanding by the American administration."

The initiative calls for a sixmonth cooling of Palestinian pro-tests in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, a halt to new Jewish settlements on the West Bank and convening an international Middle East peace conference.

Security Council nears resolution on Palestinians

appear near agreement nn measures to protect Palestinian civilians in the Isracli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

After day-long private con-sultations, members agreed Friday to defer action until Monday to permit governments to study a draft resolution and issue voting instructions. As Israel's principal ally, the

United States' response is crucial, diplomats said. They said they doubted whether the United States would veto the draft, but it might abstain. Offered by non-aligned mem-

bers, the proposed resolution would call on Israel to accept the applicability in the territories of the fourth Geneva Convention on the treatment of civilians in wartime and desist from practices that violated Palestinians' buman

The sponsors dropped an earlier proposal that the United Nations send observers to the troubled region to monitor Israel's handling of the Palestinian antioccupation revolt. Israel opposes U.N. interven-

tion and has defended its actions as a legitimate response to violent demonstrations. The Security Cnuncil's re-

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) sumed debate — the fourth round - Security Council members nn the same subject since the crisis erupted - was mainly to consider a report by Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar that recommended concerted international actinn tn persuade Israel to "correct its practices." Perez de Cuellar, in his report,

urged an international peace conference sponsored by the United Nations, but this has been rejected by the Israeli prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir, although some Labour members of his government favour the idea, under certain conditions.

Widespread outrage greeted the gunning down of Palestinian demonstrators by Israeli troops, who have since resorted to the beating of protesters, fracturing hands and wrists.

Beatings too have caused revulsinn abroad. The resolution that a majority

of council members now is expected to approve would affirm the urgent need for a settlement of the Arab-Israel conflict, under U.N. auspices, declaring that the Palestinian problem is an integral part of that conflict.

Diplnmats said most of the council members had agreed upon the text, but that the U.S. delegate was seeking guidance from Washington.

Saudi-Soviet formal ties said in offing

BAHRAIN (AP) — Saudi Ara-bian Fnreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal left Moscow Saturday after a three-day visit and cooperation talks with Soviet leaders, amid reports the twn countries were to resume diplnmatic ties after a 50-year

Saudi diplnmatic sources said Prince Saud was to make brief stopovers in a number of European capitals, then proceed to Washington for talks with U.S. officials before returning home.

Nn nfficial word was immediately available here or in Rivadh nn the issue of relations. But the Abu Dhabi governmentowned newspaper Al Ittihad said in a dispatch from Moscow that Prince Saud and bis Soviet counterpart Eduard Sbevardnadze discussed the subject at length.

It said the two men Friday held a 41/2-hour session of talks and reached undisclosed accord on means of protecting commercial navigation in the Gulf waters and ending the Soviet military intervention of Afghanistan. The two sides."scored consen-

sus" on the necessity of ending the Iran-Iraq war and on assembling an international naval force to protect commercial navigation in the Gulf waters if need be, the paper said.

Major countries defend links in economic policies

DAVOS, Switzerland (R) — The United States, Japan and West Germany Saturday rejected criticism that their efforts to coordinate economic policy provoked the October world stock market crash.

around. But policies are moving in the right direction," David Mulford, assistant secretary of the U.S. treasury, told the World Economic Forum meeting at this Swiss ski resort. Discussions at the forum, which has brought together I,000 tnp businessmen and government leaders for a week of talks, have

been dominated by the question of how long the fragile stability of the dollar can last. Helmut Schlesinger, vice-president of the West German Bundesbank (central bank), tald the forum that West Germany had moved to increase dnmestic demand, the key to reducing trade

imbalances, even though overall

growth in the economy was slow. "But the adjustment process takes time, more time than politicians and (financial) market participants like," he said. "There are limits to what is politically possible."

The United States was addressing its budget and trade deficits, Japan had made big strides and recognised the need to restructure its economy and West Germany had fulfilled pledges to promote growth, he said.

Many economic commentators say it was U.S. complaints about West German economic performance, with a veiled threat Washington might abandon the February 1987 Louvre Accord to stabilise currencies.

But the Japanese vice-minister of finance. Toyoo Gyohten, rejected charges voiced by Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou and members of the audience, that it was the Louvre Accord which set nff the global stock market crash.

"I don't believe the Louvre Accord tried to maintain the dollar at unrealistically high levels," Gyohten said.

Mulford said he was convinced the United States would be able to avnid a recession despite slower growth this year and argued that nothing should be done that would diminish the chance of sustaining growth in the United

U.S. growth in the fourth quarter at 4.2 per cent annually was stronger than expected, especially after the stock market crash. but Mulford acknowledged that a sharp rise in inventories meant that not all production was being consumed.

"The inventory building is hard to read," be said. "But I can say that economic prospects for the United States are for reduced growth but nnt tn the point where we might have a recession," he

tContinued on page 51 act in an election year in the Papandreou. Ozal meet

DAVOS (J.T.) - Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou and Turkish leader Turgi held talks in Dayos Saturalia and first between the two have the two years. Jordan Times Salameh Ne'matt reported there the Swiss mountain resort.

The two leaders met for 45 minutes privately before calling in their advisors. The prime ministers shook hands publicly before journalists and television crews. Both men would also be taking part in an intermal "summit" of leading politicians organised by the World Economic Forum this weekend.

Professor Klaus Schwab, president of the Geneva-based foundation which is holding its oneweek annual meeting for 700 business and political leaders, said he had invited the premiers. in get together after relations between the two countries seemed to be deteriorating.

Papandreou is scheduled to take part in a panel discussion at the annual meeting Sunday. Ozal is due to brief potential investors on the Turkish economy that same day and speak in a plenary sessinn on the global impact of regional conflicts Sunday.

Papandreon and Ozal met hriefly at the World Economic Forum last year and Turkish officials are keen to use the latest talks as a springboard for better

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Syria expects quick release of West-German in Beirut

BEIRUT (R) - Syria, seeing itself as Lebanon's peacekeeper, expects kidnapped West German engineer Ralph Schray to be released within days and is in no mood to accept delay, pro-Syrian and opposition militia sources said Saturday.

"The Syrians are in the phase told he was seized by Hizbollah of decisive and strict measures. no compromise and no delay," a pro-Syrian source told Reuters.

This has been made clear to all concerned quarters.

They (the Syrians) are talking of a release in five days." said a Muslim security source.

Six gunmen snatched Schray in broad daylight Wednesday only a few blocks from a Syrian checkpoint in mainly Muslim west Beirus in a blow to Damascus's year-old crackdown on anarchy in the sector.

The kiduapping, which apparently embarrassed Syria, prompted President Hafez Al Assad to send Brigadier Ghazi Kanaan, chief of military intelligence for the 25,000 Syrian troops in Lebanon, to Beirut Friday night to work on getting Schray released.

The pro-Syrian source said Kanaan was holding intensive contacts with several "concerned quarters," including the pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God), to press for the release.

Schray's relatives say they were

official Abdul Hadi Hamadi to try to force the release of his two brothers held in West Germany.

The tall, middle-aged intelligence chief supervised the deployment of more than 7.000 troops in west Beirut last February, when he called on kidnapwary foreigners to return and said he personally guaranteed their

Schray, a 30-year-old engineer with a Lebanese mother and a West German father, was the second Westerner to be abducted near a Syrian checkpoint since the deployment. U.S. journalist Charles Glass was seized on June 17 and gained freedom on Aug.

After Schray's kidnapping, Syrian troops rapidly launched a hunt for him and raided at least two Hizbollah hideouts in west Beirul but there was no word on any outcome.

Schray was believed to have been taken to the densely populated Shi ite southern suburbs, a major Hizbollah bastion. The

Syrian troops who man only maior intersections leading there. Some of the other 24 foreigners missing, believed kidnapped in Lebanon, including West German husinessman Rudolf Cordes,

any link to the abductions. The Syrians hope to resolve this peacefully but are ready to take any measures," the pro-Syrian source said.

are reported to be held there, but

Hizbollah has repeatedly denied

No authenticated elaim for the abduction of Schray has been received, an unusual feature which some observers believe may be linked to mounting pressure from Syria on the kidnappers.

Abdul Hadi's hrother Abbas Ali is on trial in Duesseldorf charged with last year's kidnapping of two West Germans in west Beirut.

His brother Mohammad Ali will soon face trial charged with involvement in the 1985 hijack of a U.S. plane in which an American diver was killed.

Abdul Hadi is known for his close links to Iran but a top Muslim militia source said the Schray abduction was carried out without the knowledge of approv-al of Tehran, which wields considerable influence over Leba-

the 17-year period, 57 per cent occurred in the last six years. Richard H. Ward, the co-chairman and a criminology professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, said in an interview he would suggest creation of a multinational investigative force against terror.

Conference

anti-terror

the United States and Egypt

proposed Saturday a multination-

al force to face the growing

The American co-chairman of

an international anti-terrorism

conference said he envisions a

force similar to anticrime strike

forces in the United States that

involve several federal and state

"Terrorist crimes have become

pressing danger that threatens

all humanity, and not a single

country can now look at its secur-

ity without considering terror-

ism," said Zaki Badr. Egypt's

Badr's speech opened the six-

day conference of government

and private security experts and

academics from Egypt, the United States, Britain, West Ger-

Statistics included in papers to be presented at the conference

reflected a startling increase in

According to the papers. 3,000

terror attacks occurred globally last year, compared with 300 in

1970. Additionally, of the approximately 30,000 incidents during

calls for

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many and France.

international terror.

"We will discuss the feasibility of creating a multinational force to combat terrorism," Ward told the Associated Press. "There would be a need for governments to find operative ways to work together at levels other than diplomatic levels."

Ward said the concept is similar to terrorism forces in the United States, which include federal, state and local officers and work across state lines. "Those are very successful in

combating terrorism, and my concept is to form a similar force worldwide," said Ward, a former detective. Asked about the feasibility of forming such a force, especially in

light of variances in political ideologies in power around the world, Ward said: "I believe anything is possible if people are willing to communi-

cate. The world has become a

very small place today. He suggested that the force could be given "limited jurisdicnational sovereignty.

"There is very strong discussion today about the formation of a world court to try international criminals," Ward said.

less Washington has cleared a concrete agenda with Israel. He refused to speculate on how long it would take to organise a "I think what is needed is for the United States to get clear in its mind what it thinks a just multinational anti-terror force hut noted that international coopsettlement is and it should then discuss that with the Israelis.

Muslims, Christians and Jews form peace group

By Joanne L. Nix USIA

WASHINGTON — A group of Muslims, Christians and Jews met in Washington Jan. 27 to announce the establishment of the U.S. Interreligious Commit-CAIRO (AP) — Ten times as tee for Peace in the Middle East. many terror incidents occurred in Speaking on behalf of the com-1987 as in 1970, and experts from

mittee, Chairman Ronald J. Young told reporters at the Washington Press Club that the United States should play a greater role in encouraging negotia-tions and a peaceful resolution of the Arab-Israeli-Palestinian con-

Young pointed out that this was the first time a committee dedicated to Middle East peace representing Jews, Christians and Muslims had been formed. "For some, their first concern is Israel's right to live in peace; for others, their first concern is the Palestinian people's rights. They meet together in this common effort hased on the deep conviction that these two goals ... are inextricably interdependent,"

Young said. In a statement issued at the press conference, the group out-

Kissinger calls

self-government

NEW YORK (R) - Former

U.S. Secretary of State Henry

Kissinger has urged Washington

to push for progress in the Middle East and called for Israel to allow

Palestinian self-government in

parts of the occupied territories.

independent Palestinian state

would be "a menace" to the area

and said the United States should

consult with Israel hefore

agreeing to any international

"I think that the Israelis have

Middle East peace conference.

really only two theoretical choices: One (is) to expel all the

Arabs from the occupied territor-ies, which is clearly impossible," Kissinger said in an interview on

"The other is to get rid of Arab

populations from at least those

areas that they do not consider strategically essential to permit

them self-government in those

But the former secretary of

state under Presidents Richard

Nixon and Gerald Ford; said all

sides should seek short-term mea-

sures rather than any permanent

"I've never believed it is possi-

ble in the Middle East to come to

a point where you can say 'now

everything is settled'," he said. "I

would separate the issue of self-

government for the Palestinians

He cautioned that any interna-

tional peace conference in the Middle East must not occur un-

from a Palestinian state.

U.S. television.

areas," he said.

But Kissinger cautioned that an

for limited

Palestinian

lined its ideas for promoting negotiations for a just peace in the region: (See box below)

- Israel's right to secure borders and peace with her neighbours, as an expression of the Jewish people's right of self-determination. The principles embodied in U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 provide an agreed upon formula to achieve security and peace for all states in the area in exchange for withdrawal from territories occupied in the 1967 war.

The Palestinian people's right of self-determination, including the right to choose their own independent leadership, is equally essential to peace. Evidence that Palestinians are willing to exercise their right of selfdetermination in the West Bank and Gaza alongside Israel, encourages prospects for peace.

- The need for an international conference for peace. The complexity of the conflict and important interests of many countries in the Middle East require an international conference, involving all parties in the conflict as well as the five permanent members of the U.N. Security

The rabbis, Christian clergymen, Muslim religious leaders and laymen held a preliminary private conference on Jan. 27 and 28 at the Washington Cathedral to speak with Israeli and Palestinian peace advocates. These meetings were followed by visits to members of the U.S. Con-

Young acknowledged on behalf of the Interreligious Committee that achieving peace in the Middle East will be very difficult. We believe that, without the ... commitment and sustained diplomatic effort by the United States called for here, peace in the Middle East may be impossible," he said. The U.S. Interreligious Com-

East was formed after two and a half years of exploratory con-sultation with more than 100 U.S. Jewish, Christian and Muslim leaders nationwide.

In preparing the committee's agenda, three interreligious study tours visited the Middle East. The group reported an overlming response to their initiative. On June 10-11, 1987, 45

Jewish, Christian and Muslim leaders met in Arlington, Visit nia, and agreed to form the U.S. Interreligious Committee the Peace in the Middle East as independent, nationwide, month organisation. profit organisation.

The committee reported it efforts are currently underway organise local interreligious come mittees for peace groups in major American cities.

Those who spoke at the Jan. 2 press conference announcing the formation of the committee inchided Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg professor of religion, Dartmouth College; Al Hajj Dawud Assad, President, Council of Mosques, USA, The Reverend, Dr. Charles Kimball, director, Middle East Office, National Council of Churches; Hon. Imam W. mittee for Peace in the Middle Deen Muhammad, Chicago, Illinois; Albert Vorspan, senior vice president, Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Fr. J. Bryan Hehir, Office for Justice and Peace, U.S. Catholic Conference; Cherif Sedky, attorney. Washington, D.C.; and Ronald I. Young. Executive director of the U.S. Interreligious Committee, for Peace in the Middle East.

Opening statement at interreligious seminar clearly is what the parties themselves must do in

We are gathered here this morning to announce formation of the U.S. Interreligious Committee for Peace in the Middle East. As you will see in the material you have been given, the Committee's statement, "A Time for Peace in the Middle East," already is endorsed by more than 500 Jewish, Christian and Muslim leaders across the country. The timing of our announcement was planned months ago. Events in Gaza, the West Bank and Israel obviously given even greater urgency to the need for new efforts, including by the United States, to encourage negotiations and a peaceful resolution

of the Arab-Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Jews, Christians and Muslims participating in the U.S. Interreligious Committee for Peace reflect a variety of backgrounds and experience. For some, their first concern is Israel's right to live in peace; for others, their first concern is the Palestinia people's right of self-determination. We meet together in this common effort based on the deep conviction that these two goals — Israel's security and Palestinian self-determination — are mutually

and inextricably interdependent. Moreover, we come together as Americans because we believe that the United States should do more than it is doing to promote prospects for a just and durable peace. Specifically, we urge our own U.S. government to do the following:

- Make peace a priority: The United States must make peace in the Middle East an urgent priority of U.S. foreign policy. Recent events dramatically demonstrate that the current situation is disastrous for the Palestinians and, in the long run, will be strons for Israel as well: Moreover, there is the risk that regional conflict, especially in the Middle East, could escalate into a superpower, and possibly a nuclear, confrontation.

- Reiterate support for Israel's security and for U.N. Resolution 242: The United States should reiterate support for Israel's right to security and peace with her neighbours and for U.N. Security Council Resolution 242, which calls for withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from territories occupied in the 1967 war and for recognition and security for all states in the area. The principles embodied in U.N. Resolution 242 are as essential to the prospect of peace between Israel and Jordan, Syria and Lebanon as they are to peace between Israel and Egypt.

— Declare support for Palestinian self-determination: The United States should publicly declare but we believe it is essential that we try. Moreover, its support for the Palestinian People's right of self-determination as an equally essential principle for achieving a just peace. We do not attempt to spell-out details of a preferred settlement. This tive U.S. policy to help achieve it.

negotiations. We do agree that negotiations must include Palestinian representatives acceptable to the majority of Palestinians and that a durable peace settlement must take account of the national identity of the Palestinian people as well as the security needs of Israel.

Union, to develop an acceptable international framework for negotiations for peace. What happens in the Middle East is too important to the interests of too many countries for the United States to arrogate to itself a unilateral peacemaking role.

East will be very difficult. We believe that, without the kind of commitment and sustained diplomatic effort by the United States called for here, peace in the Middle East may be impossible. And we believe that if there is no peace, there almost inevitably will be another, even more dangerous and devastating As members of U.S. religious communities, we

share our sense of the urgent need for a just peace.

Dr. Munir Wardeb

Dr. Jameel Maraga

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Yacoub pharmacy

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Hassan **Imam dies**

CAIRO (R) - Hassan Al Imam, one of Egypt's leading cinema producers, has died of a heart attack, a hospital spokesman

Imam, aged 69, poduced about 100 films in four decades and was dubbed hy movie fans in Egypt and other Arab countries as "the producer of splendors."

Cairo court asked to confiscate **Sadat family** assets

CAIRO (AP) - A prosecutor decided Saturday to demand legal confiscation of the property of Esmat Sadat, a brother of the late President Anwar Sadat, and 10 family members as punishment for alleged corrupt

Abdul Salam Hamed, who as Socialist prosecutor general is Egypt's top corruption fighter. based the request on an earlier judgment against the Sadats by the ethics court. It convicted the president's

brother, three of Esmat Sadat's sous and seven other family members on 24 counts of influence peddling, black marketeering, bribery and other corrupt acts.

Meetings on Chad-Libya dispute set for Monday

LIBREVILLE (R) — Six African foreign ministers will meet in Libreville, Gabon, Monday in renewed efforts to solve a border dispute between Chad and Lihya, sources close to the Gabonese government said Saturday.

The ministerial meeting of a special, six-nation Organisation of African Unity (OAU) committee examining the conflict was due to start five days ago.

It was postponed because of the slow pace of work by lawyers and cartographers examining the mass of documents submitted by Chad and Libya in support of their rival claims on the Aouzou

Both claim ownership of the 110,000 square kilometre area Cameroun, Gabon, Moz whose main town changed hands que, Nigeria and Scuegal.

twice before N'Djamena and Tripoli agreed to an OAU-sponsored truce last September. The ceasefire left Libya in control.

The foreign ministers will ex-

amine the lawyers' conclusions on ownership. The meeting is likely to take place behind closed doors and how long it will last is not known.

The ministerial meeting will be followed by a summit of the six-nation group It was initially scheduled for

early February in the Senegalese

capital Dakar but has been postponed till March or April despite misgivings by Chad. The committee on Aouzou, set up in 1973, comprises Algeria, Cameroun, Gabon, Mozambi-

Canada backs U.N. report

AMMAN (J.T.) — Canada has welcomed the United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar's report on the situation in the occupied territories. "Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark, has welcomed the U.N. secretary general's analysis of the situation in the occupied territories, expressed appreciation for the identification of realistic and practicable measures for the safety of their population and for the reports emphasis on the need to find a political solution to the current situation," an embassy statement received in Amman said.

"Consistent with Canada's long standing position that the fourth territories, Canada would be prean appeal to Israel to apply its misgivings about erosion of provisions to the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Violations of the Geneva Convention, including human rights abuses and settlements, are unacceptable and damaging to the peace process. By applying the convention, Israel would provide significant confirmation of its willingness to

Geneva Convention applies to the pared to join with other contracting parties to that convention in tion" if necessary to overcome

encourage a climate for peaceful eration already is common in negotiations," the statement said. many fields.

FOLK DANCE

dance daily at 9:00 p.m. at Alia Gate-way Hotel (until Feb. 18).

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CULTURAL CENTRES

a.m. • 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. • 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday.
Folklore Museum: Jeweiry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th

centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760. Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiMarlyrs' Memorial (Military: Massam): Collection of military memorabilia daing from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

SERVICE CLUBS

The Amman Lions Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Regency Palace hotel, 7:30 p.m. Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Ammon Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30 p.m. Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2:00 p.m. p.m. Royal Automobile Club. Jabul Am-mao. Eighth Circle. Tel. 816534. 817534.

CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman, Tel. 624590. Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jahal Luweibdeh, Tel. 103/440. De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757. Terrasunta Church (Roman Catholic), Jabal Luweibdeh, mass in Italian lan-Jabal Luweibdeh, mass in Italian language, meet every Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Tel: 623366 Church of the Annanciation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali, Tel. 623541. Angilean Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman, Tel. 625383, chaplain's residence tel. 601359. Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh, Tel. 771331

inn Orthodox Church Ashra-Armenian Orthodox Church Ashra-fieh, Tel. 775261. St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Ortho-dox) Ashrafieh, Tel. 771751. Amman International Church (Inter-denominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel. 677534.

Evangelical Lutheran Church (Church of the Good Shepherd) Amman, Arabie Service: Sunday 7 p.m. Rev. N. Smir 811295) Rainbow Congregation (meets at the Good Shepherd's Chorch) interdential manufacturental fin-gish Service; Saturday 6:30 p.m. tel. 822605, Rev. Veli. The Church of Jesus Christ of Letter-Day Saluts (Mormon) Tel. 815-817, 821-264.

QUEEN ALIA **AIRPORT**

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MONEY EXCHANGE Saturday rates French franc 57.34 27.8 Italian lira 27.34 27.8 Japanese yen (for 100) 262.44 267.4 Swedish grown 55.89 56.8 Swiss franc 246.27 251.9 U.K. sterling pound 594.9 607 U.S. dollar 335.44 340.7 W. German mark 200.3 204.5

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Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 14, Aquba 20. Humidity readings: Amman 65 per cent, Aquba 45 per

 Work actively for an international conference for negotiations: The United States should engage in active diplomacy with all of the parties in the conflict, as well as with the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, including the Soviet

We recognise that achieving peace in the Middle

view our primary task as belping to mobilise the forces of peace and reconciliation in this country to encourage more constructive U.S. Middle East policy and, by so doing, to encourage the forces of peace in Israel, among the Palestinians and in the Arab states. At the same time, we are committed to challenging historic and persistent prejudices against the Jewish people and against Muslims and Arabs — prejudices which intibit the kind of cooperation for justice and peace which so clearly is a moral imperative of our common Abrahamic

Our effort so far is only a beginning. We are meeting in Washington, D.C. during the next two days to lay plans for greatly expanding support for this unique and timely new initiative. In our meetings we will have opportunities to hear prominent Israelis and Arabs discuss prospects for peace, and the role of United States. We will consider a strategy for the U.S. Interreligious Committee for Peace in 1988. Many of us will visit with members of Congress to share our concerns for peace.

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News Summary; Short Story

WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITION

★ Plastic art exhibition, by Marwan Allan at the Soviet Cultural Centre (until Jan. 31).

FEATURE FILM

☆ "In the Heat of the Night" at 7:00
p.m. at the American Centre.

"Children's Heritage and Science Museum." Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00

an exception collection of the anti-quities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

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PRAYER TIMES

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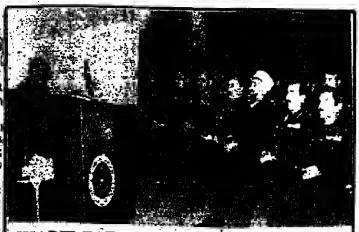
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SHARIF ZAID OPENS COURSE: Armed Forces Commander in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibu Shaker Saturday opened a training course for command officers at the Royal Command and Staff Academy. Sharif Zaid made a speech to the participants, including officers from Jordan and other Arab countries, urging them to exert their efforts towards serving their respective countries. The ceremony was attended by Army Chief of Staff-Lieutenant-General Fathi Abu Taleb and other senior army

Local company to construct JD 5m Zarqa housing project

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry project at a cost of JD 1.625 of Public Works and Housing has eminal awarded a JD 4.3 million housing project to a local company, according to an announcement by
Minister of Public Works and
Housing Shafiq Zawaideh at a meeting beld at the Housing Cor-

poration. The minister said that the corporation board approved the construction company which will build 84 buildings with 504 units m Zarqa over a period of 38 in the months.

Housing Corporation Director
Yousef Hiyasat said that a tender had been awarded to a local concrete company to prepare pre-

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The board meeting was the first to be held after the corporation was separated from the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affair and the Environment and linked to the Ministry of Public Works in the Cabinet reshuffle of Jan. 8.

The board is chaired by Zawaideh and includes the corporation director, the director of the Lands and Survey Department, the director of the Housing Bank and representatives of the ministries of planning, municipal affairs, the Central Bank of Jordan and the Jordan Electricity

NEWS IN BRIEF

Prince Mohammad visits army unit

AMMAN (Petra) - His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad, the personal representative of His Majesty King Hussein, Saturday visited the Fourth Royal Mechanised Division. Prince Mohammad also visited one of the division's units, where he was briefed by its commander on the unit's duties.

Princess Basma attends graduation

AMMAN (Petra) - Her Royal Highness Princess Basma, the president of the board of trustees of the Queen Alia Social Welfare Fund, Saturday attended the graduation ceremony of the second batch of women students at Jabal Al Naser social development centre who completed courses in typing, sewing and beauty. The Princess presented certificates to the 30 graduates. Princess Basma also opened a centre for sewing, knitting, computers and music at the society.

Indonesian youth minister to visit

AMMAN (Petra) - Indonesian Minister of Youth Dr. Abdul Ghafour Idris is due here Monday for a four-day visit to Jordan, during which he will hold talks with Minister of Youth Dr. Awad Khleifat on bilateral cooperation. Idris will also visit a number of historical sites in the Kingdom.

Agricultural seminar opens today

AMMAN (Petra) - A seminar on developing agricultural systems in rain-fed regions opens here today in cooperation between the Ministry of Agriculture and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Taking part in the seminar are representatives of the International Centre for Agricultural Research, the Arab League's Arab Centre for the Study of Dry Regions and Arid Territories, USAID and the Jordan University of Science and Technology.

Earth tremor hits Jordan Valley

AMMAN (J.T.) - A light earth tremor hit an area between Nablus on the occupied West Bank and the Jordan Valley at dawn Saturday, according to the Natural Resources Anthority (NRA). It said that its seismological observatory monitored the tremor which measured four points on the Richter scale. No damage or casualties were reported.

BBC Arabic Service presents four-way discussion today

AMMAN (J.T.) — As part of its 50th anniversary celebrations, the BBC Arabic Service is broadcasting a four-way discussion programme today, linking its studio in London with Cairo, Amman and

Sami Haddad, organiser of the BBC's topical programmes, chairs the discussion in London. He is joined by Farouk Khourshed, the Egyptian writer and broadcaster and former head of Middle East Radio in Cairo and President of the Arab Broadcasting Union and Director-General of Jordan Radio and Television Nassouh Majali: while in Kuwait, Deputy Director-General of Kuwait Radio and Television Abdul Rahman Hadi is taking

"It will certainly be a lively discussion." Haddad said, adding that it would include "an appraisal of the Arabic Service in its 50th anniversary, and explore the question of credibility and bias in international broadcasting."

This live link-up between London, Cairo, Amman an Kuwait takes place today, at 1615 GMT on 9.825, 7.14 and 6.00 MHZ in the 31, 41 and 49 metre bands, 702 and 639 KHZ (427 and 469 metres medium wave) and repeated on Wednesday, 3 February, at 0515 GMT on 15.235, 11.74, 9.825, 9.59, 7.32 and 7.14 MHZ m the 19, 25, 31 and 41 metre bands, 720 and 639 KHZ (417 and 469 metres medium wave).

American Film Week to highlight images of women

AMMAN (J.T.) — The American Film Week has come around again, this year featuring six films depicting women in American

society.

Under the patronage of Minister of Culture and National Heritage Mohammad Hammouri, the Royal Cultural Centre will present the following films starting Feb. 1: "Johnny Belinda" (Jane Wyman and Lew Ayres); "Born Yesterday" (Judy Holliday and

William Holden); "Alice doesn't Live Here Anymore" (Ellen Burstyn and Kris Kristopherson);
"Absence of Malice" (Sally Field and Paul Newman); "Desperate-ly Seeking Susan" (Madonna and Rosanna Arquette); "Children of a Lesser God" (William Hurt and

Marlee Matlin). All shows will begin at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are limited and are available at the American Centre on the day of each show.

Maritime Bridge Company board prepares for first stage of operations

AMMAN (J.T.) — The board of directors of the Maritime Bridge Company (MBC) opened a meeting here Saturday to discuss and endorse a working plan for the company's first stage of opera-

The company, which was established last month, is a joint enterprise between Iraq, Jordan and Egypt with an initial capital of \$6 million.

The board, whose meetings will continue until Feb. 4, is expected to review the assets and commitments of the Jordanian and Egyptian maritime com-panies which bave been operating the land-sea route between Aqaba in Jordan and Nweibeb Sinai prior to the creation of the MBC, according to an official

The amouncement said the

and amendments to the company's statute.

The new company will be operating a land-sea route through 'Agaba and Nweibeh with the purpose of increasing the volume of trade between Iraq, Jordan and Egypt.

In a meeting with the MBC board members Saturday, Minister of Transport and Telecom-munications Khaled Haj Hassan expressed hope that the new company would bolster inter-Arab economic cooperation and serve the interests of the Arab Nation. Chairman of the MBC Board of Directors Mohammad Barqouqi briefed the minister on the company's preparatory arrange-

board would also review bids by ments. He said that arrangements foreign companies to provide the have been made for the new MBC with transportation charges company to begin transporting passengers between Aqaba and Nweibeb as of March 1988.

The land-sea route was previously operated under an Egyptian-Jordanian agreement signed in 1985. Now, the MBC will mvolve the three countries in operating the route.

Apart from transporting pas-sengers, the company will carry goods between the three countries, purchase or hire vessels and buy plots of land, according to

The board of the Amman based MBC bas elected Egyptian Minister of Transport Suleiman Mitwalli to serve as the first board chairman — a post which will rotate between the three

Hmoud briefs UNCTAD team on agriculture in occupied territories

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of Bank and Gaza consistent with a Agriculture Marwan Hmoud Saturday met with a delegation from the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and briefed its members on Jordan's development programme for the occupied ter-

The minister told the delegation, which arrived bere Saturday on a fact-finding mission, that Jordan's programme was aimed at belping the Palestinians to overcome their difficult living conditions, and at promoting industrial and agricultural sectors in the occupied territories.

Hmoud said that Israel was continually obstructing agricultural development in the West land of irrigation, and, thus, deal-

long-standing Israeli policy aimed at destroying the economic infrastructure of the Arab territories and linking them to the Israeli economy.

The UNCTAD delegation is here to prepare a study on the economy, trade and agriculture in the occupied territories, and the factors that adversely affect these sectors, according to the delega-

Hmond told the delegation that Israel aimed at evicting the Palestinians from their land and establishing Jewish settle-ments in their place. To achieve its goals, Israel has stolen Arah

ing a devastating blow to the Palestinian agricultural sector, according to Hmoud.

He said that, in addition, Israel continued to obstruct agricultural exports from the occupied terri-tories to the East Bank of Jordan, the neighbouring Arab markets and to European Community

Israel stipulates that all crops should be marketed through Israeli firms, an order rejected by the Palestinians and causing disastrons effects on the Palestinian agricultural sector, the minister added. Hmoud also described Israel's repressive measures against agricultural cooperative societies in the occupied terri

New runway, beacon lighting to help airports expand international flights

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Civil dom's foremost leisure resort. Aviation Authority has awarded a contract worth \$447,099 to Calmaquip Engineering of Miami. Florida for an approach lighting system at Queen Alia International Airport, and a contract worth \$136,529 to Southern Avionics of Beaumont, Texas for

beacon lighting to be installed at Aqaba Airport this spring.

The lighting systems currently on order are key elements in the authority's plans for handling greater air traffic smoothly and safely.

This is our first priority." director of technical provisions Abdul Raouf Akour, said. He noted that over 500,000 Jordanians working outside the country, 100,000 students returning from study abroad, and tbonsands of pilgrims travel through Amman and Aqaba airports every summer.

The beacon bighting will expand Aqaba's operating bours, greatly expediting its use by large mternational aircraft after dark. This is a prerequisite to better

The airport lighting is being imported under the commodity import programme (CIP) fiby the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and managed jointly by USAID and the Ministry of Planning.

The programme seeks to promote sustained economic growth in the Kingdom by providing impor-ters bere in both the public sector and the private sector with foreign exchange financing for imports of U.S. capital equipment, intermediate goods, materials.

At the same time, the programme generates Jordanian dinars which are jointly programmed by the Ministry of Planning and USAID for development purposes. To date, over \$56 million CIP letters of credit bave been issued for private sector importers, and \$85 million in tenders for public sector imports.

Imports have ranged from telephone equipment, cranes to un-load freighters, and computers, serving these travellers and to to textiles, surgical needles, and increasing tourism at the King-

equipment and spare parts for U.S.-made equipment already operating at Queen Alia and Aqaba airports under USAID's CIP programme. The value of these goods imported by the authority in 1987 exceeded \$2 mil-

In addition to its importance to the Kingdom's security, the air traffic system serves not only travellers to Jordan, but also serves international flights crossing the Kingdom's air space.
"When we have fine flight systems, it encourages more airlines

to fly over. This is a good investment for us." Akour said.

In 1987 alone, 57 international airlines paid over JD 8 million to fly across Jordan. Flights from Saudi Arabia to Europe or from Egypt to Syria and Turkey might all take a more direct route over Jordan provided control tower service, radar guidance, beacon and warning lighting make the route attractive.

Plans are underway to import radar equipment for Aqaba under the CIP.

Jordan, PLO to pursue bid for joint Arab position

after the uprising which should

influence American and Israeli

Resolution 242

But on acceptance of U.N. Security Council Resolution 242

on its own as the basis for a peace

settlement, Hourai said: "The

PLO never said that it rejects

Resolution 242. We bave always

said that it is not enough as a

basis to solving the Palestinian

question because it deals with the

Arab-Israeli conflict and not the

attitudes."

(Continued from page 1) Renter quoted Information Minister Hani Khasawneh as saying Jordan and the PLO agreed during this week's meetings to "support the resistance of the West Bank and Gaza Strip and coordinate our positions in the seven-member Arab committee" which was formed at Jan. 23-24 meeting of Arab foreign ministers in Tunis. The committee includes Jordan, the PLO, Syria, Iraq, Algeria and Tunis as well as the secretary-general of the Arab League, Chadli Klibi.

International moves

He said the uprising in the occupied territories and the change it brought about in world public opinion, as embodied in the three latest resolutions of the United Nations Security Council, indicated a "new development in the stand of the international community towards the Palestinian problem."

"This is the first time where the Palestinian people are named in a Security Council resolution, and this is also the first time where the Palestinian land is recognised as occupied Palestinian and Arab land, including Jerusalem,' Hourani said.

He also noted that never before had Israel been named in a U.N. Security Council resolution as an "occupying power."

"These are some of the most important developments of the uprising because they are not only calling against Israeli oppression but also for Palestiman rights which include the right to self-determination and a separate Palestinian state," Hourani

Palestmian problem. The PLO hopes that "all these developments will accelerate

"We cannot accept 242 alone without linking it with the right of efforts to settle the crux of the self-determination of the Palestiproblem which is the occupation and Palestinian rights," he seaid. There are new facts created

Mubarak proposal

In answer to a question about the PLO's stand towards Egyptian President Hosni Mnbarak's proposal for a six-month moratorium on violence and a freeze in Israeli settlement of the West Bank and Gaza, Hourani said: "The idea has already been suggested to the Americans and Israelis; we will wait and see what their reaction is.

"As far as we know his suggestion was refused or at least did not cause excitement," he added.

Israelis shoot and wound 20 Arabs (Continued from page 1) of offers from the Israelis and v

A leaflet issued by the committee accused Israeli troops of attacking two women in the Beach refugee camp, near Gaza City. It urged the Palestinians to continue the protest campaign against Israel and close their stores Saturday.

An Arab reporter in Gaza City, who asked not to be identified for fear of reprisal, said a large force of soldiers and policemen ordered the shopkeepers to open up and tore out the iron shutters of five stores.

PLO 'rejected Israeli offers'

Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat said in remarks published Saturday PLO had turned down Israeli offers of a deal to end the uprising in the occupied territories. "We have received thousands

of offers from the Israelis and we rejected them," Arafat told the London-based Al Hawadeth magazine. The weekly said it spoke to the PLO chairman in

Tunisia on Jan. 23. "(Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak) Rabin suggested to us that we stop the norising in return for the release of 7,000 detainees and a halt to deporting Palestinians but we rejected his offer," Arafat

Arafat said he also rejected an Israeli offer of direct negotiations but did not spell out how the approach was made.

They offered us direct negotiations accompanied with secret promises but we insisted on rejecting this because we only negotiate with the Israeli enemy when it acknowledges our rights to self-determination and establishment of our independent

Engineering firms honoured for Jubilee School designs

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF) Saturday distributed awards to three engineering firms for their designs of the Jubilee School to be established in Jubeiha uear Amman.

The model secondary school for gifted students will be estab-lished by the NHF in bonour of His Majesty King Hussein's deep commitment to education, and in recognition of the great strides made by the country under his

The three local firms which received awards for their excellent work were Jaafar Toukan, Shubeilat and Badran and the Engineering Group, in association with their partners in Arah and foreign countries.

Jaafar Toukan won the first prize, so its designs will be adopted for the project which is expected to start soon, according to an NHF source.

It took two years to complete the design work for the project, and the NHF is now raising funds and recruiting staff for operating the boarding school, which will accommodate 600 male and female students, the sources said.

Addressing the award ceremony, NHF Director-General In am Al Mufti conveyed appreciation to Her Majesty Queen Noor, who is the president of the NHF board of trustees, and to the three engineering firms for their excellent work. She also voiced the Queen's appreciation of the efforts of the various committees involved in planning and preparing the project. "It is boped that the school will open its doors for the students at the start of the 1990-1991 scholastic year," Mufti

·The land for the project has been donated by the Armed Forces and the United Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Jordan. Organisation (UNESCO), and

several Arab and European organisations are expected to provide funds for the project, the sources According to the sources, the school will provide outstanding

students from Jordan and other Arab countries with the highest quality education. As a laboratory school, it will contribute to the development of education tbroughout the region, the sources said.

Engineer Jaafar Toukan briefed the participants in the ceremony on the project designs.

His design was chosen by a selection panel of engineering experts from Jordan. UNESCO and

the NHF deputy director. Project Director Nawal Kamal also spoke at the ceremony and explained the objectives of the model Jubilee School which, he said, should contribute to the development of education in

NHF sources said that the school would be governed by a board of trustees and an executive committee, as well as a faculty council.

The Jubilee School, whose conception marked the King's 50th birthday in 1985, will offer extensive educational opportunities and allow for concentrated study, the sources pointed out.

The school is expected to provide instruction and activities aimed at 'encouraging self-reliance, high motivation, personal responsibility, skills of investiganon, problem-solving creativity and independent thinking.



The winning design for the Juhilee School (Petra photo)

Seminar suggests energy-saving measures for public and private sector organisations

By Monika Warich Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Energy Mana-gers Training Seminar organised by the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources in cooperation with the European Community (EC) has recommended measures for conserving energy in

During the seminar, which con-cluded Thursday at the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) beadquarters in Amman, the participants from private Jordanian companies and public sector organisations and institutions beard lectures by speakers from various EC countries on topics such as energy management, insulation, central heating, cost control systems and energy con-

The emphasis in the discussions and seminar sessions was on energy conservation measures, with the aim of reducing energy costs in both the private and public sectors. The core of the seminar work during the two weeks comprised various case studies carried out by the participants them-

A study on the transport sector involved a close screening of the transport department of the Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ), in line with an earlier request by the WAJ to the Energy Ministry to assist it in solving problems in the transport department, and in developing measures to reduce the level of transport costs in general. The WAJ took the opportunity to cooperate with the energy seminar to provide files and records to the participants, and supplied all necessary information, according to Jamal Autman of the Energy Ministry.

Transport expert Gerbard Metschies of the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) said that in 1986, 52.4 per cent of the total energy in Jordan was consumed by the transport sector, with about two-thirds of this consumed in road transport. In comparison with this figure, the industrial sector used only 20 per cent of the available energy, and private bouseholds accounted for 18 per cent of energy use.

The case study on the WAJ transport department presented to the closing session of the seminar by Autman and Dr. Basam Eldmour of the WAJ revealed that impressive savings and cost reductions are possible in the area of transport. By using diesel rather than gas-powered vebicles, savings in the range of JD 2,500 - 16,500 for single vehicles - calculated on the basis of their total lifetime - are possible. even though the initial price of a diesel car is higher than that of a regular one, according to the study group. The WAJ's current total transport budget is JD 588,000, out of which JD 200,000 is spent on diesel, and JD 375,000 on petrol-powered vehicles, the group added.

Another recommendation was to standardise the transport department's fleet in order to sim-

plify maintenance and management. Presently the WAJ bas 32 different types of vehicles, 50 per cent of them with 6-cylinder en-

the aim of reducing excessive fuel consumption could also contribute greatly towards cost reduction, the case study found. After complete maintenance and engine tuning, a six-cylinder water tank, for instance, used 0.028 litres of petrol less per kilometre This is equivalent to a savings of 7 per cent of the yearly running costs of that truck; and the total possible savings on fuel consumption through improved maintenance for the entire WAJ fleet would amount to JD 63,189, or 9 per cent of total fuel consumption per year, it concluded.

Improved maintenance with

Metschies told the Jordan Times that, in general, be found a strong tendency in government institutions to base the decision to acquire a certain vehicle solely on the price, which led to a prefer-

ence for the initially cheaper gaspowered cars. But it is important to consider the complete fuel and maintenance costs throughout the expected lifetime of a vehicle, as the private sector is becoming increasingly aware of, be stressed.

He also called for the greater flexibility in laws and regulations concerning the acquisition of vehicles by government institutions, as well as the scrapping or selling of old, uneconomical or unsuitable vehicles owned by the

In the industrial sector, a very important opportunity to reduce adjustment of large boilers or beaters, which are used in practically all factories. Testing and maintenance of a boiler at the Jordan Refinery (Jopetrol) during a second case study led to calculated net savings of JD 100,000 on fuel, and another 90,000 after further improvements over 12 years, the speaker of the working group said.



By Dr. Fahed Fanek

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We forge ahead

THE Jordanian-PLO meetings concluded Saturday were certainly welcome news, especially at a time when the people in the West Bank and Gaza Strip are still waging their relentless struggle against Israeli occupation. The renewed contacts between the two sides is, in itself, an outstanding and commendable act of responsibility and statesmanship. It is also an expression of the seriousness with which the two sides view the events in the occupied territories. Most of all, these talks reflected the deeprooted conviction of both sides that the supreme national interest of our people under occupation requires, now more than ever, the truest form of coordination and maximum degree of synchronisation of efforts between them.

We the people of Jordan strongly believe that we share a common destiny with the Palestinian people under occupation. We deem this verdict a self-evident truth which has been cemented by bonds of blood and the truest sense of Arab nationalism.

With these thoughts in mind, we salute the two sides for their deliberations with a view to forge ahead with an irrevocable and more consolidated common destiny. What had already been achieved by the two sides in their previous talks is indeed commendable and sufficient enough to warrant the continuation of comradeship between the two peoples. We hope to press forward, as time is short, and the national needs of our people are more pressing than ever.

We support wholeheartedly the agreement by the two sides to work together within the context of the sevenmember Arab committee which was set up hy the recent Arab foreign ministers meeting in Tunis. This newlyestablished committee, created out of Jordan's proposal to the Tunis meeting, offers the best hope and venue for closer Jordanian-Palestinian coordination.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: A turning point

KING Hussein in a television interview with the American media described the current uprising in the Israeli-occupied Arab territory said that the Palestinians opted to this form of dealing with the Israelis after suffering for 20 years under repressive rule and oppression and sufferings. In this way, the Palestinian people want to make their voice heard all over the world and through their own efforts they are trying to wrest their rights and their freedom without relying on others. The King made it clear that the Palestinians are undertaking this uprising in the absence of a just and durable peace in the Middle East and in a bid to end their own sufferings. He warned that this region would be facing more acts of violence and more extremism if hope for a settlement is lost, and if reason is no more regarded. In the interview the King frankly criticised the United States whose administration's policy, he said, was disappointing and does not serve the cause of just peace. He said U.S. policies over the years had cost that country its credibility in our region. The monarch attributed the U.S. failure in its policies to the influence of Zionist elements in America which, he said, led to the creation of an alliance between Washington and the Israeli aggressors. The King said that the U.S. which ought to have worked for the establishment of peace in its capacity as a superpower, is now acting as a stumbling block in the path of achieving a settlement. U.S. policies and Israel's intransigence, the King noted, have been instrumental in stirring this uprising in the occupied Arab territories, causing the Arab people to fight for their legitimate rights and their freednm in their own land. In the interview, the King presented the facts which should be taken into consideration by the American administration.

Al Dustour: U.N. discusses uprising

THE U.N. Security Council which is involved in discussing the situation in the occupied Arab territories, has been hearing speakers' calls for an end to Israel's practices against the Arah people and an adherence to the Geneva Conventions with regard to the treatment of civilians in wartime. The speakers have also been calling for an international conference which could find a lasting settlement for the Arab-Israeli conflict. As the speakers dwell on this point the world has heard the U.S. delegate announcing his country's stand which can only be interpreted as a form of support for and encouragement to the Israelis, and a covering up for repressive measures practiced against the Arabs. For this reason all the council's efforts are being dissipated, and it is feared that the U.N. secretary general's report on the situation in the Arah territory will come up to nothing in view of the U.S. stand and its support for the aggressors. It is clear for all nations that the U.S. is objecting to any international measures designed to stem Israel's practices and crimes, making the U.S. another enemy for the Arabs and the Palestinians. The U.S. stand was summed up hy its Secretary of State George Shultz when he said that his country cannot allow the world community to condemn or even blame Israel for its actions. We call on the Arah governments to examine the outcome of the current Security Council debate and U.S. policies towards the Arab states and the Palestinians; and consider themselves in a diplomatic war with the U.S. administration which continues to condone criminal actions.

Sawt Al Shaab: Frank interview

KING Hussein's interview with the American media Friday was frank and open and dealt with Israel's practices in the occupied Arah territories. He said that Israel brags about peace while at the same time practices an iron fist policy in the Arah areas under its control. This policy he said has led to the current uprising in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip which broke out in protest against oppression and aiming at regaining freedom for the Arah residents after 20 years of occupation rule. The King was critical of the United States whose policy, he said, was disappointing to all and harmful to the very interests of the American people as well as the Arabs and the Israelis. The King referred to the worldwide support for the Palestinian people's rights in their homeland and said that they can regain these rights through an international peace conference which should be attended by the Palestinian people's representatives as well as the

Sunday's economic pulse

Debating agriculture

AROUND 40 specialists in agriculture and agricultural marketing and economics last week attended a two-day workshop in Aqaba to discuss the sector's management and economics.

The participants in the workshop came from the ministries of agriculture, supply, planning; the university of Jordan's faculty of agriculture; the Agricultural Marketing Organisation; the Agricultural Marketing & Processing Company; the Agricultural Credit Corporation; Jordan Cooperative Organisation; Jordan Valley Anthority; the Agricultural Enginners Association; USAID (the organisers and sponsors); and consultants.

Four major topics were selected for discussion: Wholesale markets; imports/exports tariffs and monopolies; retail reference prices; and the three year old cropping pattern.

In a general review of the Jordanian economy, the consultants stated that Jordan was a "developed developing" country, with services exceeding 60 per cent of GDP (too high), agriculture contributing 8 per cent of GDP (too little), and only 14 per cent of labour force involved in agriculture (too low for a developing country). They also cited the heavy influx of foreign exchange from grants, loans and remittances; and asserted that the distortions in the economy were not severe, as evidenced by continued growth and low inflation. They contended that the dinar was strong and not overvalued. They reached this controversial conclusion based on the facts that foreign reserves were adequate; the exchange rate in the parallel market did not vary widely from the official market;

and that importers did not experience difficulties in obtaining

foreign exchange.

With one exception, there was a surprising consensus among the participants that the reference price system was causing problems that outweighed its advantages. Most of them favoured a floating system of prices, but differed on the best method to do it. Even the representative of the Ministry of Supplies sided against fixing retail

It was revealed that retail prices of agricultural produce actually dropped during the two months experiment period of floating prices in December 1985 and January 1986, contrary to information submitted at that time to the cabinet which prompted the government to reverse its decision and return to the pricing system. It was agreed that the experiment was too short to give proper indications

While discussing wholesale markets it was stressed that competition should be protected against collusion of the strong middlemen. The fees paid by the farmers were judged to be excessive. Amman municipality, for example, is charging the farmers 10 times the cost of running the wholesale market. This constitutes a subsidy to the city of Amman at the expense of the rural farmers. The government was asked to forego the tax and fees of 7.5 per cent on the imports of agricultural produce, and raise the price of irrigation water to

encourage water conservation.

Subsidies were discussed thoroughly but participants were

divided over whether more or less subsidies were justified. Those against subsidies claimed that the subsidies were costly and that they do not reach the real small farmers; while the others thought that subsidies may be justified particularly in agriculture because of the higher value added and because of the extensive job creation, and above all due to the fact that all countries subsidise their farmers especially the United States and the European Community. It was recommended however, that such subsidies should be explicit and show up prominently in the budget to ensure annual

revision, instead of the current practice of covering losses in wheat by profits from sugar without showing either profits or subsidies in

the central government budget. The cropping pattern was also examined and subjected to many objections and criticism because it is being based on rough estimates which could not be accurate. The experts advised the government to phase out the cropping pattern which outlived its usefulness, while the Ministry of Agriculture thought that the policy is just starting, and that it will be expanded to achieve more

Exports, import policies were also discussed. The losses resulting from the monopoly of certain imports by public sector institutions were demonstrated, and the production for local market and export

The proceedings of the workshop will be serialised in the Arabic daily Al Ra'i as from tomorrow.

Israel's iron fist policy strains ties with world Jews

By Renters

ISRAEL's iron fist policy to crush a Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip has strained world Jewry's traditional loyalty to the Jewish state, a survey by Reuter correspondents shows.

Some Jewish leaders, usually strong supporters of Israel, have openly condemned the Israeli army's use of live ammunition and beatings to quell seven weeks of violent protests.

Many others, while publicly loyal, have voiced private dismay to the Israeli government, saying that pictures of soldiers shooting and clubbing unarmed Arah demonstrators have severely harmed Israel's image abroad. Henry Siegman, executive

director of the Liberal American Jewish Congress, said Israel's policy of beating Palestinian protesters was appalling and repug-

"These ugly beatings... must not only be stopped immediately but repudiated if Israel is to preserve its good name," he told a New York news conference on returning from a fact-finding mission to Israel and the occupied territories last week.

U.S. Jewish leaders rebel

The 5.5 -million strong U.S. Jewish community, the world's largest, seldom criticises Israel, especially on security issues. But some leaders have rebelled this

leader of Reform Judaism and a former head of the Conference of Presidents of major American Jewish Organisations, wrote to President Chaim Herzog:

The indiscriminate beating of Arabs... is an offence to the Jewish spirit. It violates every principle of human decency. We plead with you to bring this madness to an end."

Herzog replied contending that the Israeli measures were legally and morally justifiable.

Israeli troops have shot dead 39 Palestinians and wounded at least 600 since anti-occupation protests erupted on December 9. Several dozen Israeli soldiers have been injured by stones, knives and

Four-fifths of the world's estimated 14 million Jews live outside Israel, Jews donate some \$600 million a year to Israel, 90 per cent comes from the United

The biggest outcry followed Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin's blunt declaration last week that the army would use "might, power and beatings" to suppress the unrest. Several Jewish leaders who de-

fended Israeli action said they wished Israel's divided rulers would agree on diplomatie steps to try to resolve the conflict.

"In general, the (lowish) com-munities favour a negotiated set-tlement, possibly within the framework of an international conference," said Tullia Zevi, president of the Union of Italian

what sources in the Israeli com-

munity said was to show displea-

sure over current Vatican-Israeli

relations. An embassy spokes-

None of the diplomats or offi-

cial Vatican sources, who spoke on the condition of anonymity,

expected major shifts in the Vati-

can's delicately balanced policy

on the Middle East, where

Christendom's holiest places are

"The Vatican does not like

pressure," one diplomat said. Vatican officials dismiss sug-

estions that the Pope's recent

fresh calls for a Palestinian home-

land and his appointment of a Palestinian as Roman Catholic

patriarch of Jerusalem indicated a

new, pro-Arab slant to Vatican

They say the Vatican's Middle East stand has not changed.

The Holy See supports Israel's right to exist and its need for

secure borders. But the creation

of the Jewish state in 1948 also

created what the Pope once cal-

led "a sad condition" for the

Palestinians, who are entitled to a

On Jerusalem, the Vatican

wants the city to have an interna-

tional status protecting it as a city sacred to the world's three great

religions, Christianity, Judaism

homeland.

and Islam.

man denied this.

Rabhi Alexander Schindler, Jewish Communities.

By Philip Pullella

VATICAN CITY — Arah coun-

tries are poised to launch a di-

plomatic initiative aimed at win-

ning more active support from the Vatican for their Middle East

Arab diplomatic sources in

Rome say the new assertiveness,

to be highlighted when King Hus-

sein sees the Pope on Monday,

seeks to capitalise on internation-al criticism of Israel for the way it

suppressed unrest in its occupied

Egyptian President Hosni

Muharak, who recently unveiled

his own peace plan, meets the Pope four days after the King. "We will be trying to take advantage of the moment," said

one Arab diplomat, "I am really

under the impression that the

Israelis have never been cornered

The final statement of last

November's Arah summit in Am-

man appealed to member states

to intensify dialogue with the

Varican to assure its support." It also formally asked King Hussein to represent Arab leaders in con-

The Arah summit, which was

not attended by Egypt, ended several weeks before the uprising

in the West Bank and Gaza began

but the timing of the visits has

"All visits by heads of state to the Vatican have their impact but

these visits come at a very critical

time when the whole world and whole world opinion are reacting

to events in the area," one

ambassador of a major Arah

"It is very important to speak

out now about what is going on in

Jerusalem and the West Bank. It

is very important right now to

speak of the need for a Palesti-

man homeland," said another

The diplomatic push also coin-

cides with what appears to be an

effective temporary downgrading

of the post of Israel's liaison

officer to the Vatican, who is

attached to Israel's embassy to

The post has been cut from a

full-time to a part-time post in

the way they are now."

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become important.

country said.

Arabs aim at winning

Vatican support for peace

Anti-Semitism on the rise

Rome chief Rabbi Elio Toaff referred in the Corriere Della Sera newspaper to a rise in anti-Semitism. He included calls on Italian Jews to dissociate themselves from Israel.

In France and The Netherlands, small groups of left-wing Jews demonstrated against the repression and delivered protest petitions to their local Israeli embassies.

Leader's of France's 700,000 Jews interviewed by Reuters said daily television pictures of protests and beatings had shown Israel in a most unfavourable

"No doubt what's going on in the West Bank and Gaza has tarnished Israel's image. Many people are shocked," said Henri Hajdenberg, president of Re-nouveau Juif, a pro-Israel group. "What Rabin is doing now, beatings instead of shootings, is

not a good policy either," he said. Theo Klein, president of the representative Council of Jewish Institutions in France, urged Israel to find "resources, gener-osity and imagination" for a solu-

tion to the Palestinian problem. 'A gesture from the Israeli government would have an impact on the Arab population," he said. "We have to face the fact that the Arabs have expressed their will for self-determination.

In London, June Jacobs, chairman of the foreign affairs com-mittee of the board of deputies of British Jews, said on a BBC radio programme that events in the West Bank and Gaza were quite appalling and absolutely horrible, and urged Israel to end the

Sharply criticised by other Jewish leaders, she reaffirmed her allegiance to Israel but said: "There is an erosion of rights, an erosion of equalities that are so well written in Israel's 'declara-

tion of independence." Some of Israel's staunchest supporters have blamed the dam-

age on alleged media bias.
"We must try in every way we can to influence the media - not to give Israel's case but to give a fair presentation of the case. That is all we ask for, and we are not getting it," said British Labour parliamentarian Greville Janner, a pro-Israel lobbyist.

"People feel very unhappy... of course the first thing they want to do is blame the media, but the pictures are quite clear and give a warning that the status quo of the past 20 years is over," said Ronny Naftaniel, director of a Dutch pro-Israel documentation centre.

Traditional friends enraged

Even traditional friends of Israel in the international press have been critical of the army's behaviour in the occupied terri-tories, and of Israel's political

leaders for blocking peace moves. "When a democratic government turns to thuggery as a policy, it risks losing far more than control," thundered the New

York Times in an editorial. "It would be a profound mistake for Israel to believe that it can restore order in occupied Gaza and the West Bank by resorting to brazen brutality and betraying its own values. How can that open a path to serious political talks with the Palestinians?" the newspaper said.

In a separate comment, the paper's former executive editor A.M. Rosenthal said: 'Mr. A.M. Rosenthal said: "Mr. Rabin can restore his stature and Israel's by resigning. Then Israel can be itself again — a nation with a right to a vision, a right even to be wrong sometimes and to act in self interest.

"Jews must not break bones." This is the message that must come from the friends of Israel, It will be heard..."

the country for 10 years without

making a single step towards a solution," Vassilion said in an

Clerides, Vassiliou and Lyssar-ides, who is t'o president of the

56-seat Hous - of Representa-

tives, say the Greek-Cypriots

have lost ground due to the pas-

sage of time in their efforts to

mis-managing the economy, and

cite budget deficits and a growing

Bnt some voters find all four

"A lot of people would not

vote if it were not for compulsory

voting," one political analyst said. "There are no clear cut

alternatives... It is difficult to de-

liver on the national issue," he

Confusing platforms

They also accuse Kyprianou of

reunite the island.

platforms confusing.

foreign debt.

Greek Cypriots prepare for hottest elections in 28 years

By Katherine McElroy Reuter

NICOSIA - Winter rain lashes colourful campaign banners strung across the streets of Nicosia, an apt reminder that Cyprus faces its most contentious presidential election in 28 years of indepedence.

"The Cyprus problem" how to reunite the Greek and Turkisb Cypriot communities on the eastern Mediterranean island - is the key issue.

running for a third five-year term, and his three opponents agree on the broad aims of a national policy, reunification. But Kyprianou is under fire for

what his opponents say is his leadership style and failure to seek consensus, and his approach to deadlocked U.N. efforts to hring the two communities together in a federation.

With elections due on February 14 and a run-off vote almost inevitable a week later, the president is standing on his record, with a promise of more of the

This includes a generally huoyant economy based primarily on tourism.

The other three candidates right-wing Rally leader Glafkos Clerides, independent George Vassiliou and Socialist chief Vassos Lyssarides — see Kyprianou's

policies as a recipe for disaster. A common complaint is that he has failed to make headway over the Cyprus issue 13 years after Turkish troops landed on the island following a short-lived coup in Nicosia engineered by the. military junta then ruling Greece.

Multiple questions

"People are worried whether it is possible to find a solution which will safeguard us from a repetition of what happened in veteran politician told Reuters. Supposing we succeed in get-ting the Turkish troops out, what is there to stop them from coming back again, what are the guaran-tees which will safeguard us from

a future invasion or attack," he

Kyprianou, who 11 years ago succeeded Cyprus's first presi-dent after independence from Britain, the late Archbishop Makarios, says "what the country needs is not change but a streng-

thening of our current course."
"I will not be the one who will sign solutions that are suicidal and lead to the annihilation of the Greeks of Cyprus," he said in a recent speech.

The president, leader of the centre-right Diko Party, received medical treatment in London in December following a heart attack. But this has not deterred him from facing the strongest electoral challenge of his career. The voting covers the island's 520,000-strong Greek-Cypriot

North watches,

In the northern third of Cyprus, Turkish Cypriots in their breakaway republic are watching with interest — although officially they say it is of no concern to

The result of the election, tactics and style for years to

Clerides sees a government of national unity representing all parties in the south as the best way to a solution. Vassilion, a wealthy entre-

preneur and the only political newcomer, wants a broadlybased government accepting his policies "It is better to have a govern-

ment of national unity... and attempt to find the solution, than to have a president who wants, as a prima ballerina, to find a solution and expect everyone else to applaud," Clerides said.

Vassiliou says security and the 200,000 refugees who came south after the Turkish invasion in 1974 are the two issues of any substance. Roughly 50,000 Turkish Cypriots moved north.

"Kyprianou has been running

With less than a month to go the final result remains up in the

"This is the first time I believe the results cannot be predicted. And anybody that ventures a prediction will have to change it in a week," Lyssarides told Reu-

Kyprianou was elected unopposed in 1978 and defeated prosed in 1983 with the backing of the Communist Akel Party, an alliance that lasted only two

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"If the Israelis say they do not want to deal with the PLO, the Vatican is not saying Israel must deal with the PLO. It is saying: "Look, you must find a formula, a representation of both sides so that this bilateralism is respected'," he said.

The Palestinian issue and Jerusalem are the two key obstacles to diplomatic ties between Israel and the Vatican.

King Hussein, who last met the Pope a year ago, will attempt to win the pontiff's active support for an international peace conference on the Middle East, the diplomats said.



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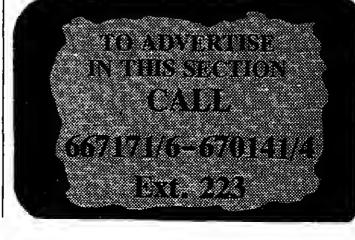
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Gallstone removal without surgery

By Karl Zawadzky

MUNICH (INP) — Dornier Medizintechnik in Munich, a subsidiary of the German aviation and space technology concern Dormer, has unveiled a trailblazing new product — the "Dor-nier Lithotripter MPL 9000", which can remove both kidney stones and gallstones from the human body without the need for surgery. Since the introduction in 1980 of a process for the destruction of kidney stones, more than half a million people around the world have been liberated from their suffering in this way. Now, beginning in 1985, the shockwave principle has been incorporated into another new method which has removed the galistones of 500 patients at hospitals in Wuppertal and Monich. The Dornier Lithotripter MPL 9000" is the only machine at present in use which can remove both kidney stones and gallstones. It is a logical extension of the Dornier machine for use against kidney stones only. Without surgery, the device smashes the stones without damaging the surrounding tissue; the particles pass out of the body oaturally. The system involves less discomfort and risk to patients than the use of surgery.
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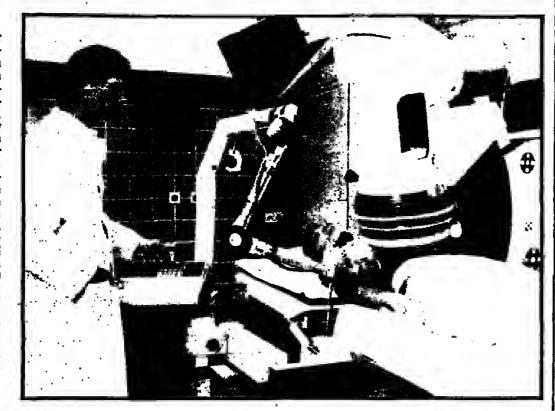
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pioneer work in developing shockwave treatment has taken the firm to the top of the world market in its field. The discovery resulted from research into the causes of material defects and faults in supersonic aircraft in which the shockwave phe-



The "Dornier Lithotripter MPL 9000" has attracted interest throughout the world. For the, first time, both kidney stones and gallstones can be

removed by an instrument without the need for a

nomenon was observed. Raindrops smashing into these planes produced a pressure of up to 160,000 bar, generating a shock-wave oo impact which reproduced itself and caused cracks in various materials far from the original impact point.

Once the idea of a healing method had been conceived, scientists developed increasingly accurate data on the physics and technique of noo-surgical kidney stone removal. It was clear that shockwaves could be to attack the weakest property of the stooes -

their brittleness. The build-up of tension quickly causes cracks in the stones, and before long they disintegrate entirely. Tissue vields" to a shockwave because of its elasticity, so the shockwave passes through buman tissue

Turkey: New restrictions in offing against already troubled press

By Zeynep Alemdar The Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkey is preparing to host an international conference that will bring journalists and publishers to discuss the state of the press worldwide. But at bome, Turkish oewspapers and magazines are facing mount-

ing difficulties. Already suffering from falling circulation and rising costs, the nation's daily newspapers suffered a 55 per cent increase in oewsprint prices a few days after Premier Turgut Ozal won reelection Nov. 29. Newsprint was

affected by price rises.

At the same time, the oewspaper industry faces a proposed new law against printing false news" that publishers see as a threat to press freedom.

Uzal maintains that the new print price increases, which followed a 139-per cent price hike in 1987, stemmed from economic necessity. He says the proposed law on false news is designed to protect innocent people from baseless stories that threateo their reputations and dignity.

"We have oo animosity against, the press," he said in a recent

Debating press freedom

As the debate over Turkish press freedom continues, the International Press Institute, based in London and Zurich and dedi-

(Continued from page 1)

However, State Department

cated to press freedom worldwide, will bold its annual convention in Istanbul in May.

Nezih Demirkent, president of Istanbul's Journalists Association, has urged the government to lift, before the convection, a variety of laws regarding the press.
"Let's have our heads high

when we host our guests here in spring," Demirkent said recently. Laws that affect the press include regulations that ban publication of material said to be obscene: permit the confiscation of certain publications; and bar publication of material that violates laws concerning national security and Marxist and religious

propaganda.
The draft bill on "false news" provides penalties of up to 100 million Turkish lira (\$100,000) if a court rules that a published story

Newspapers have hitterly opposed the proposed law on grounds that it is extremely difficult to define what constitutes false reportage.

"This is a fascist act undertaken to silence the press," de-clared Nazli Ilicak, chief editorial writer for the conservative Istan-

bul Daily Tercuman. Dicak suggested that such a bill would be acceptable only if politi-

cians faced a similar penalty when Journalists maintain that existing measures, including laws permitting libel suits, are soffi-

erroneous reports.

Ozal lacks press support

Turkey's oewspapers ofteo criticise Ozal and members of his cabinet, and Ozal bas acknowledged he lacks press support. But after his election victory,

he declared: "Despite criticism from some of those columnists, we won heavily in working-class Ozal tends to use state-run

televisioo — which gives little time to the opposition - rather than newspapers as a forum to promote his policies. It is a common belief in news circles that the press is now being penalised for its heavy criticism of

the government during election campaign last year. "There is a growing belief in the Turkish press that Ozal is out to take revenge on the oewspapers," said editor Ilnur Cevik, Turkish Daily News. "Recent developments give some credibility

Papers go out of business

Two oewsweeklies, Yeni Gundem and Akis, went out of basiness this month, citing financial difficulties. In addition to soaring newspriot prices, communications costs are also rising sharply. Telephone fees went up 80 per cent in one year.

Newspapers have been forced to raise their prices and reduce eieot cheeks to discoorage pages. There are rumours of impending staff cuts.

Total newspaper circulation, stagnant for years at about 3 milioo despite a fast-growing population and increased literacy, bas recently dropped by about 10 per cent, according to official

Some mass-circulation papers, which feature photos of scantily-clad womeo, and men's magazines face danger from a different quarter, a loosely defined obscenity law known officially as the statute to protect minors from harmful influences."

Two men's magazines, Playboy's Turkish edition and Bravo, along with the sensational dail Tan, were fined a total of \$1:17 million by a court last month for carrying obscene photos. Publishers have appealed the verdicts, saying the fines would bankrupt them.

The press grew bolder in its new coverage after Turkey's return to civihan rule after general elections in 1983, reporting on subjects, such as torture, which had been taboo under the military government.

Journalists still use self-censorship, however. It is considered a ground rule to take a patriotic stand wheo it comes to national interest stories such as Turkish-Greek disputes.

The leftist oews magazine 2000'e Dogru (Toward 2000) was confiscated three times for itscoverage of Turkey's ethnie Kurdish minority, estimated at 10 million out of Turkey's population of 52 million.

Scientists hone in on speed of light

By Frank Powley
The Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark -Using earth as a giant turning platform, scientists have built the most accurate experiment so far to test Einstein's theory that the speed of light is the same throughout the universe, a Dan-

ish physicist said Jan. 28. "We set out to try to detect variations io the speed of light and oot to invalidate Einstein's special theory of relativity," said Dr. Ove Poulsen, a professor at Aarhus University in west De-

He headed an international team that conducted the experiment in 1986-87.

"The limits set for finding variations were far more precise than in any previous experiment of its kind," Ponlsen said in a telephone interview with the Associated Press.

He said the results of the test revealed no significant variation of light frequency - and thus speed of light.

A discovery of significant variations would have profound consequences for cosmology, the study of the origin, evolution and ultimate fate of the universe, he

Albert Einstein's special theory of relativity states that the velocity of light is constant in the universe and does not change with direction or the speed of its

But some scientists in recent years have suggested that the speed of light could vary in some directions of space because of local gravitationol differences around our Milky Way galaxy or variation in the microwave radiation filling the universe.

Faint microwave background radiation, believed to be the remnant of the big hang that marked the creation of the universe 15-20 billion years ago, was identified by U.S. physicists Arno Penzias and Robert Wilson in 1965.

Measurement in one direction

The main piece of equipment in the Aarhus experiment was a 10-metre long linear particle accelerator that made atoms of the isotope neon-20 race in a

beam, one moving with the atomic beam and the other against, the group was able to make another tenfold improvement in simultaneous measurements of the accuracy of light speed

in different directions in space, Poulsen explained. This procedure had the advantage of providing a measurement of light's velocity io only one direction, while earlier experiments gave only the average speed of light along a fixed path

"It's the difference between speed of a hullet as it is shot from a gun and having to calculate from the ricochet," Poulsen said. It was also a tenfold improve-

and back.

ment in accuracy over a 20-yearold experiment using a satellite conducted by American resear-

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strictly defined direction at a speed of 300 kilometres (186 miles) per second.

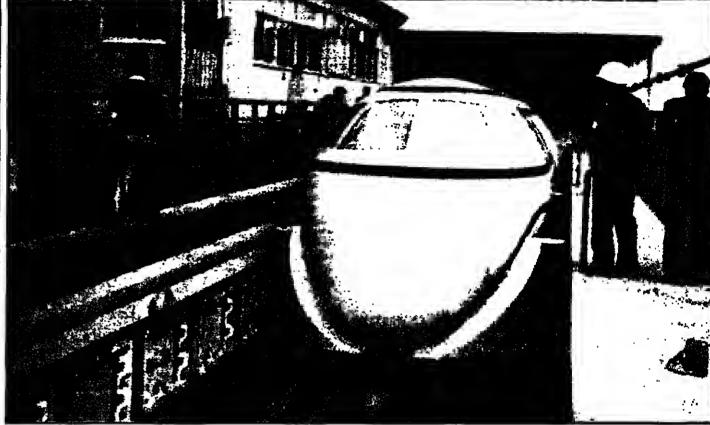
Morley experiment, which was Einstein's prime inspiration, was made by Albert Michelson and made by Albert Michelson and

With the help of a split laser Edward Morley in Cleveland in tbe 1880s. Poulsen hopes to obtain vet the speed of the atoms with measurements when a new 40changes in the frequeocy of the light re-emitted from them as the with even better lasers is installed

earth's rotation pointed the heam at Aarhus next year. Future tests could be so sensitive that it will he possible to tell whether miniscule variations of light speed are due to the effects of sidereal time or not, a feat that has eluded scientists so far.

Sidereal time, the proper measure of time when recording movements relative to the universe as a whole, differs from being able to measure directly the solar time in allowing for the movement of the earth in its orbit

around the sun. 'If variations of the speed of light in our improved measurements eventually are detected, it could have profound consequences for cosmology." Poulson said. "But I don't want to speculate furtber about that."



Japan's 'floating' train ready for debut

By Eugene Moosa Reuter

KOKUBUNJI - After 26 years of research and tests, Japan is ready to put into service a revolutionary train which floats on magnets and travels as fast as some aircraft.

Known as the linear motor car, the train hovers on a track of power-fed magnets and can travel at up to 500 kilometres an bour, making it the fastest in the world. It has no contact with the tracks, oo fuel-burning engine and no vibration.

The secret behind the linear motor engine is a technique called superconductivity. A powerful electro-magnet is created when metals are cooled with hquid belium and then fed with a current.

The repelling force between the magnets — one in the train and a series on the tracks - float and push the train ahead.

Hiroshi Takeda, chief researcher at the Railway Technical Research Institute, told Reuters the linear train would eventually replace overland domestic flights.

"Just think: If it only takes one bour for you to travel 500 kilometres without wasting time for cumbersome check-ins, ground maintenance or baggage handling, this will drastically change the urban structure of any

Last month, the government approved initial funds for Japan's first commercial linear motor line of abot 50 kilometres. Transport Minister Shintaro Ishihara has said work on at least one line would begin within two years.

The line, the location of which is to be decided, would also serve as an advanced test track for other long-distance routes. Take-

The introduction of the linear locomotive may help Japan regain the crown for the fastest passenger trains. Its shinkanseo bullet) train, with a top speed of 240 kilometres an bour, was overtakeo five years ago by the French TGV, which runs at 300 kilometres an hour.

Takeda, the project's chief engineer for Japan Rail, the privatised successor to the Japan National Railway, spoke of telescoped long distance trips: 40 minotes between New York and Washington, an bour between Los Angeles and San Francisco and London and Glasgow.

"The linear doesn't utter a sound and doesn't scatter pollution. And because there is no contact, tracks are maintenancefree for about 10 years," be said illustration he had cut from a sor Yves Rumpler of the Louis

at the institute outside Tokyo. The magnetic attraction between the train and the tracks virtually rules out derailing. Traosformer stations, which supply power to the magnets in the tracks, have absolute control over the trains and collisions are port problems.

also unlikely, he added. Fewer tunnels are necessary because the linear train can climb steeper gradients than cooventional trains and "just go over hills," Takeda said.

The magnetic train is much lighter than other locomotives, which reduces drastically the cost of track construction, he added.

The cost, safety, speed and the train's overall impression inspired a group of members of parliament from the ruling Liberal Abe, to lobby for the construction car clocked-up a record 517 tion of an operational lice. City planoers say the magnetic ki test track in southern Japan.

Tokyo and solve domestic trans-

It may also hring about other

"The linear motor car will spark a revolution in city plan-ning and divisioo of roles between various regions," said Professor Shigemochi Ishii of Tokyo

University.
Takeda's confidence stems from the tests his team and his predecessors at National Railway have been carrying out since

Japan's first linear motor car the system.

Democratic Party, including for-mer Foreign Minister Shintaro later, an unmanned experimental kilometres an hour at the Mivaza-

400 kilometres an hour last year hut the seven kilometres test track was too short to cope with higher speeds, Takeda said. The first commercial line, to be operational in a few years, will

provide an ideal test ground. Outstanding technical prob-lems include designs for a highspeed junction and how to deal with shock waves when trains running in opposite directions pass each other. Takeda said. Earthquakes, snow and rain have posed no serious threat to

Zoologists rate discovery of new primate sensational

By Stanley Parker

biologist has set the world of zoology buzziog by accidentally finding a new species of lemur on Madagascar.
Bernhard Meier, who does

post-graduate research at the Ruhr University in Bochum, told Reuters he was looking for another, rare species of the furry tree-dwellers when be came across the hitherto unknown golden bamboo lemur.

fore he realised his luck. The university called his find a zoological sensation, marking the

first identification of a oew primate in almost 60 years. Primates, the highest order of mammais, include humans Lemurs resemble monkeys but

long, iocluding tail, and weighs just over one kilo. Meier, 37, told Reuters that he went to Madagascar in an attempt to confirm a report that the grea-

in thick forest around Ranoma-Originally thought to have died out early this century, the greater bamboo lemur resurfaced in 1972

in a piece of isolated woodland

Meier said his only means of identifying the greater bamboo new lemur.

Misidentification

Madagascar was thought to have only two types of lemur, including the fairly common grey bamboo lemur. So when Meier saw the non-

grey lemurs sooo after his arrival

Ranomafana he felt sure it was

only confirmation that the greater bamboo lemur was more widespread than bad been thought. A team of scieotists from Duke University in North Carolina, working separately on the same quest, also took the animals to be greater bamboo lemurs and bur-

ried off to tell the world of the rarity's preseoce. Since he had time to spare, Meier said be decided to look up the original colooy, which had been found hy a team of French scientists iocluding Professor Andre Pevrieras from the Uoi-

versity in Tananarive, Madagascar's capital. But when he saw the lemurs there he could hardly believe his

"I saw an animal that I had never seeo before," he said. "It was twice as large, the colour was different and the noise it made was unlike any I bad beard."

Then, said Meier, it dawned on him that there must be a third species of lemur in Madagascar. It took much longer to convince his colleagues at home and sponPasteur University in Strasbourg,

France.

His "come quickly, have found new lemur" message met blank disbelief. Tired of waiting, he left for home with photographs of his new discovery.

Meier said that confronted with tbese, his zoology teacher at Bochum, Professor Holger Preuschoft, admitted: "It's impossible Meier, but you're right."

Skin samples

Ranomafana with Rumpler and Peyrieras. They used recordings of the species' calls to lure the new lemurs so that Pevrieras could dope them with narcotic darts fired from a blowpipe.

rive zoo, the scientists took tiny skin samples from the animals, which were later grown in culture io Strasbourg for a thorough analysis.

A chromosome count and other tests confirmed the official debut of a new species. hapalemur aureus, the golden

Last summer, the Duke University team under Patricia White weot hack to Ranomafana, and confirmed the presence io the region's forests of the greater hamboo lemur.

spokesman Charles Redman reiterated the United States was committed to advancing Middle East peace efforts. answered in the affirmative." the

"Jordan is a key player in the peace process. Through the years, Kiog Hussein bas remained dedicated to the pursuit of new ideas and has made his commitment to peace through oegotiations clear," Redman

Interviewed in Amman by the Washington Post, the King said the United States had 'lost very much of its credibility" with His Majesty acensed the

Reagan administration of trying

to set him up by seeking his support for a plan to bring him and the Israeli prime minister, Jordan seeks Turkish effort to end Gulf war (Continued from page 1)

Israeli settlement in the occupied territories. Despite "a change of heart" within the Likud faction in Israel. Tel Aviv is continuing its policy of arrests and beatings of Palesti-

nians, the Crown Prince noted. Replying to a question, Prince Hassan said that Shultz's meeting with the two Palestinian leaders came as a surprise and that it was held "for no apparent or declared reason." However, he said, such a development meant that "a

change can still take place." Commenting on Shultz's call for direct talks with Israel, the Crown Prince said Jordan was not opposed to direct talks, but that we feel an international conference with the participation of all concerned parties is the best way gioo."

Reagan sends message to King Yitzhak Shamir, to Washingtoo during the U.S.-Soviet summit in

December. "I somehow understood what was expected of me was to commit political stricide if I had

King said. He said he refused the invitation because such a bilateral meeting would have meant abandoning his call for an international Mideast peace conference.

The U.S. appears to be more and more under the influence of extremist elements, short-sighted elements, in Israeli society," he

The proposed Washington meeting was part of a drive by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz to break the impasse in Middle East peace efforts, Reu-

ter reported.

to serious talks."

pied territories."

beyond the borders of Palestine.

Arab-Israeli conflict."

He described the moves of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in the context of the Arab-Israeli conflict were "unrelated to the situation in the occu-

He said the PLO was "acting The Crown Prince urged the

superpowers to contribute to a global solution to the Middle East problem as both the U.S. and the Soviet Union "are already involved in every aspect of the

He said that steps such as the

one taken by Japan to extend an

untied loan of \$300 million to

Jordan indicated "the recognition

of the importance of the hinter-

land in the stability of the re-

Israel remains a nuclear threat'

(Continued from page 1) nuclear retaliation under the intense domestic political pressure to render the state safe and

Noting that the superpowers almost clashed in 1973, Prince Hassan said: "There is nothing to suggest that it could oot

happen again." Prince Hassan said that an unresolved conflict causes despair and desperation io

"It divests them of their bumanity and imposes a sense of bopelessness. The Marxist premise that they bave nothing to lose but their chains becomes only too true. They begin to resort to violence and wanton

The Crown Prince warned that religious fundamentalism. whether Jewish, Christian or Islamic, could be an effective catharsis for repeated failure to resolve a particular human dilemma.

terror."

"The advocates and perpet-rators show no mercy. Their behaviour is a violation of all civilised values, bot they care not. They are doing it for a oew world of their own conception. "It would not be inconceivable that within the foreseeable future, miniaturised ouclear devices, crude but lethal, become

available in the market place.

The nuclear dimension offers

these radicalised groups a rare

chance of holding the world to ransom." The Crown Prince told the meeting that Jordan's geo-political location has imposed "a disproportionately heavy responsibility for our own nation-

al defence and Arab regional

"Jordan occupies the first defence line for the Arab World in the conflict with Israel. In strategic terms, we bear the burden of the forward position, both in war and in peace, and we have borne that responsibility with bonour and pride."

He said there was "a fresh sense of realism taking bold in the Arab World" in the wake of the Nov. 8-I1 Amman Arab summit conference. "The politics of empty rhe-

toric is being overshadowed by

a more pragmatic approach to our common problems."

He said the emerging patterns of regional cooperation could be extended and widened to involve Europe within an Eorasian framework. "The concept seeks the integrated development of the Asian rim of Europe, or the European rim

of Asia in cooperation with

Europe on the one hand, and

with countries of South Asia oo the other." He said such a plan could provide an answer to the political and economic problems in-

The Amman summit, he said, reaffirmed the commitment to U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 598, on the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Gulf war respectively. The Crown Prince said that Jordan's proposal for the con-

vening of an international

peace conference on the Middle

East was "accepted by all ex-

cept a factioo in the Israeli

government and some circles in the United States.

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bordering a coffee plantation, far from Ranomafana. lemur was a small black and white book. He had no way of knowing that the larger mammal lacked the gold and red-brown fur of the

Last April he returned to

Before being given to Tanana-

bamhoo lemur.

Now Meier, White and the World Wildlife Fund are working with the government in Taoanarive in an effort to create a 70,000-hectare protected area around Ranomafana.

Johnson clocks world best time in 50-yard dash

Canadians Desai Williams and

Mark McKoy were second and third with times of 5.28 seconds

and 5.29 seconds. American

Stanley Floyd, whose five-year-old record of 5.22 seconds Joho-

son broke in Hamilton, Ontario,

two weeks ago, was sixth and last

Canada's Angella Taylor-issajenko equalled American

Evelyn Ashford's world indoor

best with a time of 5.74 seconds in the women's 50-yard dash. Compatriots Angela Bailey and

Michelle Finn were second and

third at 5.78 seconds and 5.85. Johnson and Taylor-Issajenk-

o's marks are called world indoor

bests rather than world records

they led Nottingham Forest.

nearest challengers to runaway First Division leaders Liverpool,

with a 52nd-minute goal by Ian
Juryeff — his seventh in as many

But Plucky Orient, managed

by former Forest player Frank

Clark, were unable to stay with

the First Division side as the

game wore on and two goals in a

six-minute spell midway through

the half by a 17-year-old Lee Glover and Calvin Plummer set-

tled the ric 2-1 in Forest's favour.

favourites, face a searching tie

away to Second Division leaders

Timman-Salov chess match ends in draw

Timman, 36, ranked third in

The winner of the Candidates

the world, has met strong resist-ance from his, 23-year-old oppo-

Series will challenge world cham-

pion Garri Kasparov for his nitle

With two games remaining, four players are poised to qualify for the final stage. English grandmaster Jonathan

Liverpool, the 7-2 cnp

matches.

serving defender Phil Sproson.
Fourth division Leyton Orient also threatened to join Port Vale in the cup since they lost, again at sion proud.

blockade.

in 1990.

SAINT JOHN, New Brunswick able to lift Salov's defensive

unestablished drug allegations

LONDON (R) — John Holt, the general secretary of athletics' governing body, accused Olympic quadruple gold medallist Carl Lewis Friday of making "vague and unsubstantiated" allegations of drug

"I was appalled at how vague and unsubstantiated his claims

This week Lewis repeated his allegations that a number of athletes

were." Holt told reporters at the International Amateur Athletic

at last year's Rnme World Championships had used performance-

enhancing drugs.
Swiss runner Sandra Gasser was the only athlete positively tested

at the championships.
"If Carl Lewis really has a conscience, and if he knows about athletes in the United States taking drugs, then I think he has a duty to inform the TAC (the Athletics Congress of the United States) that there are certain people to his knowledge who are taking drugs,"

their said meeting promoters and athletes did not collude to avoid

with a time of 5.43.

TORONTO (R) - Canadian Ben Johnson set his second world indoor best in the 50-yard dash in as many weeks, slashing his former mark of 5.20 seconds to 5.15 at the Toronto Challenger indoor athletics meeting Friday.

seconds.

Johnson, who tied his old mark mark in 50 metres at 5.55 in a heat Friday, predicted what his new world best would be before it was announced.

"I guess 5.15. I know I ran a lot better than my heat and had a lot better start." he told Reuters. "This is the best I've ever felt since Rome." Johnson said after

the race, referring to his world outdoor record of 9.83 seconds in 100 metres, set last August. "The body was ready to go and

the muscles were very loose". Johnson said. "I could go lower but right now it was a good time," said Johnson, who leaves Saturday for Europe. "I'm pleased

Johnson also holds the world indoor record in 60 metres at 6.41 seconds and the world indoor

LONDON (R) — Coventry's love affair with the English Foot-ball Association (F.A.) Cup came

to a disappointing end Saturday when they lost at home to a solitary goal scored by Watford

Tottenham, the team they beat

in last season's pulsaring final to

clinch their first major trophy,

also failed to negotiate the fourth

round, suffering an embarrassing 2-1 defeat at Third Division Port

Spurs, who have won the tro-

phy seven times, never recovered

from conceding two goals in the

opening 25 minutes scored by

midfielder Ray Walker and long-

(AP) — Dutch grandmaster Jan Timman and Valery Salov of the

Soviet Union agreed to a draw in

the fourth-round game in their

World Chess Championship

Candidates Match Friday. The draw, which came after 81

moves, pushed the score in their

six-game duel to two points each.

pawn when play adjourned after

h2 moves Thursday, it was widely predicted that he would be un-

Federation (IAAF) headquarters here.

taking in the sport.

unifications.

Holt lashes at Lewis for

Although Timman had an extra

substitute Trevor Senior.

because the distance is infre-

Ireland's Marcus O'Sullivan. one of the world's premier indoor milers, won a slow-paced mile race in four minutes, 04.57 seconds, well off the world record of 3:49.78.

O'Sullivan raced to the lead in the last lap, surging ahead of American Marc Olesen, who was second and Kenya's Kip Cher-

uiyot, who was third. Romanian Doina Melinte, who is undefeated this year, pulled ahead of early leader Betsy Wade of Britain to win the women's 1500-metre race in 4:10.81. Canadian Brit McRoberts was third. Metinte's countrywoman. Maricica Puica, pulled up lame about halfway through the race and did not finish.

Puica won the gold medal in the memorable 3000-metre race at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, after Mary Decker-Slaney collided with South African-born

Tottenham go out home to Watford, two years ago.
They dominated much of as giant killers of the round when

Saturday's game but found visit-

ing goalkeeper Tony Coton in

inspired form. He made a string

of acrobatic saves, none better

than a tip over the bar from Dave

Phillips' close-range header in the

Senior, who has been given a rough ride by the Watford fans

for scoring only three goals in 23 games since his transfer from

Reading, clinched the game with

a simple header from Malcolm

Allen's cross in the 57th minute.

side from the third and fourth

divisions definitely through to the fifth round, Bradford and Mid-dlesbrough did the Second Divi-

Speelman leads Yasser Seirawan

of Seattle 3-1. A second London-er, 22-year-old Nigel Short, leads Gyula Sax of Hungary by 3-1. Johann Hjartarson of Iceland

bolds a 3-1 advantage over Viktor

Korchnoi, a Soviet defector who

now plays for Switzerland, while Artur Yusupov is 3-1 ahead of fellow Soviet Jaan Ehivest.

quire one draw from their re-

maining games. A win scores one

point and a draw a half point.

Fendick cruises

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (R)

rising star on the tennis circuit,

mects Britain's Sara Gomer in

the final of the \$50,000 Women's

International Tournament

In semifinals Saturday Gomer,

the seventh seed, beat young French player Emanuelle Derly

Fendick then overcame the

threat of her old American col-

lege rival Beverley Bowes, win-

ning 6-2, 6-3.

The tournament marks an important milestone in Fendick's

This will be ber first final after

cight months on the professional

- Top-seeded Patty Fendick, a

to \$50,000

tennis final

Sunday.

7-6, (7-3), 6-3.

meteoric career rise.

Each of these leaders only re-

While Port Vale were the only

reply to Victoria's 409 for eight Victorian opener Gary Watts, playing his first game for Victoria for four years, was finally out for 176. Former Australian test paceman Dennis Lillee took three wickets Saturday for 29 to end with figures of three for 92.

Jordan,

final whistle.

saves

Thursday night.

Oman draw

in friendly soccer

AMMAN (J.T.) — The national teams of Jordan and Sultanate of Oman were held to a

goalless draw in a friendly soc-

cer Friday night in Muscat.
Jordan, playing the second
warm-up match for the Arab

Championship Cup in July

organised by Jordan, lost few

good chances to score in the early minutes and before the

In the previous match, the same teams ended in a 1-1 draw

Buckingham

LAUNCESTON, Australia (R)

Danny Buckingham led a spirited recovery by Tasmania Saturday after they had looked

likely to crumble against Victoria

on the second day of their four-day Sheffield Shield cricket

Bnckingham hit an undefeated

51 as Tasmania took their first

innings total to 179 for four in

Tasmania

Tasmania were in trouble early on when opener Glenn Hughes was forced to retire hurt after mistiming a hook shot off pace-man Paul Reiffel.

Wickets then fell quickly and Tasmania were teetering at 80 for three when Buckingham staged his rescue act.

Anti-apartheid protestors harass Budd

GATESHEAD, England (R) — Four anti-apartheid demonstrators stepped in front of South African-born runner Zola Budd at the British cross country trial Saturday but did not seriously dispart the race disrupt the race.

Budd, who was forced off the course at the National Championships three years ago, was able to sidestep the protestors easily on her way to finishing fourth.

"It didn't put me off," she said tional peak as Denver," be said at Officials pulled the quartet off the final news conference before the course and they caused no further trouble. Budd's fourth place her inclusion in the team for the

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of the New York Giants. pionships in New Zealand, in March. last year remembers how painful the loss was," Broncos coach Dan Budd, a naturalised Briton, won the title in 1985 and again

the following year. **FURNISHED FLATS**

The Broncos have 35 survivors from last year and the Redskins have 16 players who were on their

Furnished or unfurnished.

L'ocation: Tlaa' Al Ali, near Al Bustan Restaurant.

roster in 1984 for the 38-9 loss to Raiders. Both coaches predicted a close,

Poised at the top of the ramp, a ski jumper looks out over the Calgary area

By John Mossman

DENVER - Alberto Tomba could shake up the Calgary Olympics the way he has shaken

The 21-year-old Italian won seven of the

first 15 men's World Cup races this season,

including four in a row. It was the longest

streak since Sweden's Ingemar Stenmark put

together a record 10 consecutive wins at the

end of the 1977 and start of the 1978 seasons.

Tomba is the "new superman of alpine

Tomba is "one of the most powerful as well

as mentally tough skiers I have ever known...

he can win gold in Calgary," says four-time World Cup champion Gustav Thoeni of Italy.

A non-winner in his first two seasons on the

World Cup circuit, Tomba has established

himself as a serious threat for the overall title.

even though he is not entering downhill races.
Switzerland's Pirmin Zubriggen, the two-

time World Cup champion, has virtually conceded the overall title to Tomba and says

he has shifted his fous to the Olympics.

But Tomba also is looking toward Calgary,

SAN DIEGO (R) — In the final countdown to the big game Sunday, the coaches of both Super Bowl XXII teams seem as much

haunted by the fear of defeat as

excited by the bope of victory.

"The Redskins don't want to

go through it again," Washington coach Joe Gibbs said Friday, re-

skiing," says Josef Messner, coach of the

up the World Cup circuit.

Will Tomba repeat World Cup show in Calgary?

enced — will slow him down.

U.S. ski team, agrees:

and his competitors hope that Olympic press-

ure - something Tomba has never experi-

"The Olympics might create heavy pressure and turn him back into a normal person," said Guenther Mader of Austria.

Harald Schoenhaar, alpine director for the

'We have seen it before, highly favoured

skiers who are all of a sudden not as strong in

the Olympics or the World Championships.

Call it choking, if you like. It's common."

But be added: "Don't underestimate him.

He's a gutsy young man, and he's been skiing

phenomenally in slalom and giant slalom.

the usual Swiss contingent — Zurbriggen, Peter Mueller, Michela Figini, Maria Walliser, Brigitte Oertli and Vreni Schneider —

Marc Girardelli of Luxembourg, Markus

Wasmeier of West Germany, Blanca Fernan-dez-Ochoa of Spain, Mateja Svet of Yugosla-via and Austria's Anita Wachter and Sigrid

Host Canada also will be well represented,

with potential medal winners Rob Bovd.

Brian Stemmle, Laurie Graham and Karen

Past defeat still haunts super bowl coaches

Other favourites on Mount Allan include

high-scoring season finale. "It has an excellent chance of being a shootout," said Reeves.
"It could very easily be a defensive struggle, but it has a better chance of being a high-scoring

ferring to his team's loss in Super Gibbs was more cagey but said the result could be close to the Bowl XVIII to the Los Angeles "We'll get that across to our last previous game between the two teams — a 31-30 Denver victory in 1986. team and reach the same emo-

Neutral fans and league officials will no donbt be boping such predictions come true since recent super bowls bave been

The Denver Broncos are still smarting from their 39-20 super bowl defeat last year at the hands generally anticlimactic, one-sided "Each one of us that was bere Predictions of a high-scoring

game Sunday are largely based on the lack of an outstanding defensive team like last year's Giants or the Chicago Bears of 1986. Both coaches praised each other's defences Friday, but

Washington's defensive unit was ranked only 20th out of 28 teams

in the regular season, and Denver's was 10th. The Redskins defence, howev-

Bears and the Minnesota Vik-

U.S. skiers, who won five medals at Sarajevo, likely will be absent on the medals

stand this time because of several key injuries.

Tamara McKinney, probably America's best hope for a medal, has been sidelined since Nov. 9 when she broke a bone in her left

ankle. Ski team officials say she won't resume

racing until the U.S. Nationals, Feb. 4-8, the

week prior to the Olympics.

Debbie Armstrong, who won the Giant Slalom at Sarajevo, has been plagued by injuries — and poor results — since 1984. Bill Johnson, gold medalist in the men's downhill, is still recovering from base and base

is still recovering from knee and back surgery and may not make the U.S. Olympic squad.

Feb. 14. Swiss veteran Peter Mueller is the

"He won by almost two seconds up there last year," Schoenhaar said, "and that gives

you an idea of how much be likes the course.

medals won by the powerful Swiss, who may feel they have something to prove because of

a sub-par World Cup season.

A year ago, the Swiss won an incredible 41

of 65 events on the circuit. This season they

have remained formidable, but their percen-tage of victories has fallen below .500.

A Mueller victory could be one of many

The first alpine event is the men's downhill

Gibbs and Reeves revealed little about their game plans hardly surprising given the secre-cy that has surrounded their su-

er, was very impressive in both post-season outings - against the per bowl preparations. Teltscher, Marcelino reach

early favourite.

Chevrolet tennis semifinals SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) — Eliot Teltscher of the United

nis Tournament in the sontheastern seaside resort of Guaruia. Teltscher, No. 22 in the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) world ranking and the top-seed in the tournament, defeated Pablo Arraya of Peru 6-1 and 7-5. Marcelino upset Diego

Teltscher and Marcelino face States and Danilo Marcelino of each other in one of the semifinal matches Saturday. In the other to qualify for the semifinals of the \$130,000 Chevrolet Classic Ten-Mattar.

On Friday, Teltscher played his best tennis of the tournament in the first set but slowed in the second set, as the 100 degree F. (40 C.) heat took a toll on both players. Teltscher broke Arraya's serve in the final game to clinch

Perez of Uruguay 4-6, 6-3 and the set 7-5.

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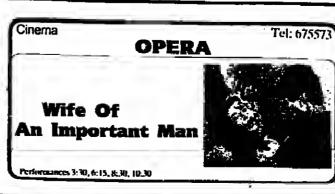
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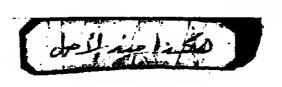
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Government forms committee to manage troubled Jordan **Industrial Investments Corp.**

AMMAN (J.T.) — Industry, Trade and Supply Minister Hamdi Al Tabba' has decided to form a committee to manage the operations of the Jordan Industrial Investments Corporation (JIIC), formed by the merger of the Jordan Management and Consultancy Corporation and the Jordan Industrial Investments Company and their subsidiaries.

The new entity (JHC) reportedly had been encountering various difficulties and the committee is expected to help restore the corporation to normal activities and profitability.

The committee comprises Fakhri Bilbeisi, Shabib Ammari, Imran

Abu Ghosh, Farouk Keilani, Maher Diab, Muqbel Shukri and Hani Qaquish — all of whom represent banks, and financial institutions which had given loans to JIIC.

According to financial sources, the representatives have transformed part of their loans into capital in the JIIC and are currently

Jordanian exports earn JD 131.4 million last year

ports in 1987 reached JD 131,412,164 registering an increase of JD 436,799 over the 1986 figure. Amman Chamber of Industry

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statistics show that Jordanian exports of leather products soared to JD 2,534,691, plastic products to JD 3,620,025, chemicals to JD 28,186,480, industrial engineering and electric metals to JD 9,417,720 and food products to JD 8,800,000. Textile exports also increased to JD 15,100,000 while packaging soured to JD

9,100,000, according to a source at the Chamber of Industry. The source added that some other exports declined in value.

He noted that pharmaceutical products plunged to JD 1.2 mil-tonnes in 1987.

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan's ex- lion while cosmetics and perfumes fell to JD 5,991. Furniture, kitchen fittings and doors went down to JD 3,330,260, building materials to JD 4.6 million, stationery to JD 1.6 million and agriculture produce to JD

The Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) bulletin reported an increase in the production of phosphates from 529,900 tonnes at the end of November 1986 to 582,900 tonnes as of Nov. 30, 1987. The potash production registered an increase of 8,600 tonnes during the same period totalling 107,600

OPEC Fund gives grant to Jenin

VIENNA (OPECNA) — The OPEC Fund for International Development has extended a grant of \$525,000 to the Red Crescent Society — Jenin Branch — in the Israeli-occupied territory. The grant proceeds will be used to help finance the second phase of the Jenin Maternal and Paediatric Hospital project. It will also be used to purchase medical and other similar equipment required by the hospital. The \$1.40 million scheme aims to improve health services in Jenin and neighbouring area comprising 79 villages with a population of about 180,000. In addition it will extend services to 6,000 in-patients a year and between 100 to 200 out-patients a day. The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) is among other cofinanciers of the

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1988

YOUR HOROSCOPE

From the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You may have some trouble com-municating today, especially in obmunicating today, especially in obtaining some facts and ligures
which you oeed, so be particularly
careful about what you say. Enjoy
your family this evening.
ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Settle any arguments which have been
bothering you lately. Do some
entertaining at home tonight, but
don't stay un too late.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Be very careful in the bandling of financial and property matters, or you could lose quite a bit. This may be a highly romantic evening.

GEMINI (May 21 to Jene 21)

Someone you know may deliberately try to upset you today. Avoid this trop by refusing to argue. Stay at home and save money tonight.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jol. 21) You have been overworking yourself lately, so try to take it easy and relex a bit. Take some time out for a little fun tonight.

for a little fun tonight.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Think of
the unpleasant factors connected
with a recreation you have in mind,
and you'll decide against it. Take
care of only important duties. care of only important duties.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)

Keep busy et duties of a public
nature, and don't let a family friend
disturb you. Enjoy a Iavorite hobby with a good friend tonight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You may have to develop a new way of looking at life which is more in tune with modern times. A new business

contact has some great ideas. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21] Although it may seem like a great deal of work, now is a very good time to get your property fixed up. Handle your mail carefully. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec.

2tl Go out with some witty and charming friends today and have a fine time. Set up a budget which will help you save more money. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Postpone that change you want to make where your job is concerned. Spend tha evening with a good friend who cojoys peace and quiet. AQUARTUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Eojoy an amusement with your mate which won't be very costly.

Sit down together tonight and make some plans for the future. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) It is important that you keep busy at aone career or credit matters.

Don't expect any special favors from a superior right now.

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If Your Child Is Born Today
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UAE rules out income tax

ABU DHABI (R) - The United Arab Emirates said it was reintroducing income (UAE) has ruled out imposing income tax, a top government official said, becoming the third Gulf country to do so after Bahrain and Saudi Arabia which decreed, then revoked, a tax on foreign

secretary Naser Al Nuweis, in an prices. interview with Al Khaleej newspaper, Saturday said neither income lax nor foreign loans would he sought to shore up an expected

deficit on the 1988 federal budget, The 1987 budget of \$3.897 billion had a deficit of \$745 million

Finance and Industry Under- changed due to fluctuating oil

"We are studying ways to shore up the deficit, especially raising fees on services," he said. "But there is no plan to impose income tax or seek foreign loans." Bahrain, last Thursday, raised

taxes on some non-essential goods but also ruled out introducing income tax. and Nuweis said the deficit for

tax on foreigners but reversed the decision two days later after a public outery.

The UAE undersecretary did not mention the services that would be affected. The country has already imposed import tax and fees on education, residence and medical services.

The fees followed a sharp decline in oil revenue because of

falling prices and production. Oil accounts for nearly 90 per cent of the UAE's national income. It produces 948,000 barrei per day (b/d) uoder an OPEC agreement but has a sustainable output capacity of about four Saudi Arabia early in January million b/d.

1988 would probably be un-Reagan revokes duty-free trade privileges of some Asian nations

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan revoked duty-free privileges enjoyed by four fast-growing Asian economies, saying that South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore no longer need the special protection.

The action potentially could cost U.S. importers between \$400 million and \$500 million a year in duties currently not collected on a wide range of imports, from toys to computer parts, U.S. officials

Imports totalling \$10 billion a year would be affected by the action.

The step, to take effect next Jan. 2, is part of a tougher U.S. trade stance that also includes a plan to impose \$105 million in retaliatory tariffs on Brazil.

All four Asian nations have bulging trade surpluses with the United States and have currency policies that U.S. officials claim have made the trade situation worse. In announcing the decision on Friday, U.S. officials insisted that

tion but a recognition of the fact that the four countries involved have booming economies. "All four have achieved an impressive level of economic de-velopment and competitiveness,"

the action was not trade retalia-

Reagan said in a statement.

"This move should not be interpreted as penalising" any of
the nations, said White House
spokesman Marlin Fitzwater. "On the contrary, it reflects the great economic successes they have had. All four are good friends and valued trading part-

However, the four are the first nations to be removed from the duty-free list for such reasons.

In the past, nations have had their duty-free privileges taken away for political or workers' rights issues, such as Nicaragua and Chile. And others like Bermuda have lost them under a formula that automatically ends the benefits when a nation's gross national product (GNP) exceeds \$8,500 per person.

But the per capita GNP in none of the four Asian nations is that high: \$4,000 for Taiwan, \$6,800 for Hong-Kong, \$2,370 for South Korea and \$7,200 for Singapore. The United States ran a \$28.8

nations in the first 1I months of 1987 — rivaling the \$30.4 billion deficit for the same period with Western Europe, the Commerce Department reported.

Reagan's step was criticised by the Computer and Business Equipment Manufacturers Association, whose membership includes many companies with businesses in the Asian nations.

Oliver Smoot, executive vice president of the organisation, said that withdrawing the benefits will make it that much harder to get the nations to lower trade barriers or protect U.S. copyr-

ights and patents. "We're giving away one of our weapons," Smoot said.

Imports from the four Asian nations have spiralled because of lower labour costs there and because the U.S. dollar has not depreciated against their currencies nearly as much as it has against the Japanese yen and European currencies, trade officials say.

The system of trade prefer-

ences permits the specified nations to export certain products into the United States either duty-free or at reduced duty. Some 141 countries now receive such treatment for more than 3,000 products.

Reagan administration officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said that the action first was advanced by Treasury Secretary James Baker last October and unanimously approved by a cabinel-level panel on Tuesday.

The sources also said Reagan likely will act next week on \$105 million in proposed sanctions against Brazil.

for Brazil's refusal to permit imports of U.S.-made computer software. Administration officials have said in the past that the possible list of products to be slapped with tariffs include Brazilian-made shoes, automobiles and electronics equipment.

Asians describe move as unfair and an error

In Hong Kong, the U.S. decision to cut special trade concessions was seen on Saturday as panies based in Singapore.

billion trade deficit with the four both unfair and mistaken by Asian officials.

Government officials in Hong Kong said the move would send the wrong signals to Washing-ton's trading partners. In Seoul, Trade and Industry

Minister Rha Woong-Bac said his government regretted the move and was considering filing a suit with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

In Singapore, where American companies account for over 50 per cent of exports to the United States, the decision was seen as a tactical error.

Semor Hong Kong trade offi-cials said the colony should not have been included because of its

open trade policy,
"Any U.S. company can come
and set up shop here, but you try and sell a packet of American cigarettes in South Korea," one official said in an interview.

South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore are known as the "four tigers" of Asia because of their aggressive push towards prosperity.

Hong Kong's acting secretary
for trade and industry K.Y.

Young told a news conference on Saturday: "This will send the wrong signal to trading partners of the U.S. and it will remove an important incentive to others to open their markets" Yeung agreed with the assess-

ment by leading figures on the Kong Kong industrial scene that the decision would have little overall effect on the colony's eco-South Korea is urgently trying

10 settle its worsening trade disputes with the United States. Officials said Friday's move was

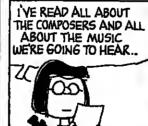
nol surprising.
"It is had news," said one to be identified. "But the U.S. decision... had been widely expected here."

"We are faced with strong U.S. pressure to open the Korean mar-ket wider. We believe U.S. trade sanctions are almost inevitable unless current trade disputes are

solved quickly," he noted. In Singapore, George Abraham, secretary general of the island's Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, said the move would burt U.S. com-

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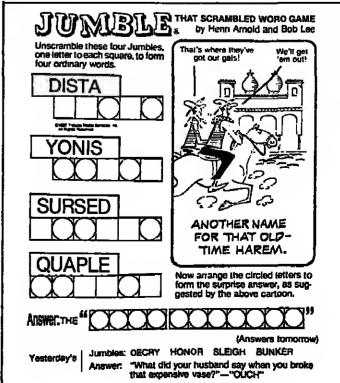


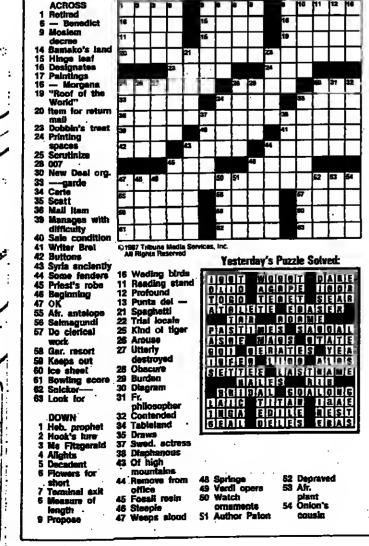












THE Daily Crossword by Donald B. Grost

U.S. military chiefs criticise plan to dismantle long-range weapons

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top U.S. military leaders think President Ronald Reagan's plan to eliminate all long-range nuclear missiles will never be approved by the Soviet Union, a sharply critical report says.

And even if it is, the idea would be far more expensive than anyone thinks and the world would not be any safer, said the review by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Soviets would simply load more atomic weapons on bombers and submarines, it said.

The report was released Friday by the Senate Armed Services Committee along with a state-ment by Sen. Sam Nunn, chairman of the panel.

"The lesson we should draw from this report is that the president should obtain the carefully considered advice of his top military advisers before, and not after, making such far-reaching propos-als to the Soviet Union," Nunn

The report reviewed Reagan's proposal to the Soviet Union that the United States wouldn't with-draw from the 1972 anti-ballistic missile treaty for 10 years if the Soviets would agree to eliminate all long-range atomic-tipped mis-

The offer was made during Reagan's Iceland summit meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

The five-member joint chiefs, the United States' top military body, was not consulted about the military impact of Reagan's proposal before it was made to

Both superpowers are negotiating in the strategic arms reduction talks (START) to try for a 50 per cent reduction in each side's arsenal of long-range weapons.

U.S. officials have said they are hopeful a START agreement will be reached during Reagan's final year in office, particularly in the wake of last month's U.S.-Soviet treaty eliminating medium-range atomic weapons from Europe.

The report released Friday was sought by Nunn last fall when he successfully attached an amend-

ment to this year's Pentagon budget bill. Nunn previously has criticised Reagan's proposal.

Both nations rely on the concept of deterrence, which bolds that each side is deterred from attacking the other by the fear of

a devastating counterstrike.

The report said "a safe U.S. force structure transition to a world without strategic ballistic missiles could not be undertaken without spending levels above current projections.

"Although significant additional funding might allow the United States to move safely to the elimination of strategic ballistic missiles, there are no assurances that Soviets would ever accept such a reduction," the study said.
"In fact, the likelihood of the

Soviets accepting such a proposal would be relatively low because it would eliminate strategic ballistic missiles which form the core of their national defence strategy. capability, and international pre-

Soviet compliance. Without stige," it said. Even if the Soviets did buy the adequate and vigorous methods of compliance verification, the U.S. idea, "they would make significant adjustments to their elimination of strategic ballistic missiles should not be contem-plated," it said. other strategic offensive forces,"

Kirkpatrick gives mild support to INF treaty

mer United Nations Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick has said the Senate should approve the new U.S.-Soviet missile treaty even though she did not believe it would contribute to U.S. and allied security.

She said failure to ratify the intermediate nuclear forces (INF) treaty would opset European quire large spending increases for leaders and governments who defence programmes such as had thrown their support behind Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative, the study said. it and would be seen as proof that the U.S. government was in dis-

> Kirkpatrick also suggested a provision be written into the treaty saying it would be abrogated if there were a significant, verified violation by the Soviet Union and after Moscow had been given an opportunity to correct the viola-

Her lukewarm support for the treaty, which would eliminate U.S. and Soviet missiles with a range of 300 to 3,400 miles (500-5.000 kilometres), came in testimony to the Senate Armed Services Committee on its fifth day of hearings on the pact.

"It would be profoundly disconcerting to our European allies if at this stage in this process, the Senate were to reject the treaty,'

she said. She said it would show the United States as incapable of pursuing a coherent policy and would permit adversaries to depict the United States as uninterested in achieving security at lower levels of risk and cost.
"I therefore believe the treaty should be ratified," Kirkpatrick

But she said the Senate had to understand that "it hasn't really contributed to our security and that of our allies."

The treaty was signed by Presi-dent Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in Washington last month has strong support in the Senate but is being opposed by conservatives, many of whom deeply admire Kirkpat-

The former ambassador, now a professor at Georgetown University in Washington, said the INF treaty and all future treaties with the Soviet Union should provide for automatic termina-

CAPE TOWN (R) — Five people were reported killed and hun-

dreds of shacks burned down in a

fresh bont of black-against-black

violence in Cape Town's sprawl-

ing KTC squatter camp.

Refugees clutching children

and possessions streamed out of the poverty-stricken camp Friday

night as black gangs went on the

rampage for the second day run-

WASHINGTON (AP) - For- tion if Moscow failed to comply. The Reagan administration has long accused the Soviet Union of violating arms control agreements but officials have testified that the INF treaty can be adequately verified against cheating.

"I believe the treaty on balance leaves Europe somewhat more vulnerable, the Soviet Union somewhat less vulnerable and the alliance somewhat weaker," she

Earlier Harold Brown, Defence Secretary in the Carter administration, told the Senate committee he might have preferred retention of some of the missiles being eliminated.

He called the INF treaty "a modest but useful step." Brown predicted the treaty would spark political pressures for a rush to eliminate the shortrange battlefield nuclear weapons, which he said should

Rogers 'disturbed' by treaty

instead be increased in range

from a few tens of miles to 200

miles (300 kilometres).

Former NATO Commander Bernard Rogers said Friday he was still disturbed by the U.S.-Soviet INF treaty and urged the Atlantic alliance to modernise remaining nuclear forces in Westera Europe.

Rogers, 66, who retired as supreme allied commander in Europe last year, also said U.S. negotiators should link any future treaty with Moscow on strategic arms to an acceptable agreement on conventional forces in

"I have had, and continue to have, gas pains over this treaty," he told the National Press Club in a speech critical of the superpower treaty to scrap INF.

"What are we giving up? The one weapons system that the Soviet fear that keeps the credibility of deterrence high: The Pershing-2 (missile)," he said. "The P-2 can reach Soviet soil in 13 minutes."

This puts Western Europe on the slippery slope of denuclearisation, which is something the Soviets want because it would make Europe safe for conven-

said three people were killed Friday, including a child burned to death in a blazing shack.

Police, who confirmed two

deaths Thursday, said they had

The police said they fired vol-

no reports of further killings.

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They said about 200 shacks

Balkans, is being investigated at

his own request by an interna-

tional commission of historians.

The chairman of the six-man

commission Hans Rudolf Kurz

told Reuters in Vienna he had

never seen such a document, but

said he had made numerous un-

successful attempts to persuade

Plenca to present his evidence to

Commission members have

acknowledged that probing Wal-

dheim's service in Yugoslavia has

proved the most difficult part of their work, which is funded by

Der Spiegel said the document it will publish in its next edition

Monday was an urgent telegram sent by Col. Fedor Dragojlov,

later chief of the Croatian general

staff, to a German group com-

the Austrian government.

the panel.

stoned each other.

Library buys Haydn symphonies

others, and are bound in four volumes. "The 12 symphonies, numbers 93 to 104, are regarded as the greatest of Haydn's symphonic output," said British library publicist, Ken Shirreffs. Britain's National Library, which has one of the world's foremost collections of music manuscripts, said it bought the Haydn scores from the 175-year-old Royal Philharmonic Society. The society said it needed money to establish a capital fund to continue with its main purpose of promoting the performance of music, after its financial support from the state-appointed Arts Council was discontinued. The bulk of the cost of the scores, £400,000 (\$708,000), came from the government-aided National Heritage Memorial Fund.

Impressionist etchings stolen

Deaths reported as sewage dam bursts

such force that it destroyed the entire structure. Catastrophe was

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Shopkeeper charged in death of boss

car and \$40,000 in cash to carry out the execution-style killing. Burlington County Police Chief Robert Scara said. Bitman reportedly had been despondent over business troubles and tried to commit suicide five times before asking Wisniewski to drive him to Warden State Park in South Jersey to kill him with a pistol shot, according to the police. Police said that Wisniewski had told them Bitman begged him to pull the trigger. When Wisniewski has told them Bitman begged him to pull the trigger. When Wisniewski hesitated to pull the trigger, Bitman reportedly shouted: "Do it, do it, shoot me." The alleged killing took place in November and hunters found Bitman's body there in the park on Dec. 10. Wisniewski was released on \$50,000 bail, police said.

Teen-ager commits suicide

much tired" of life, newspapers have reported. The Englishhave got so much tired," the Mail said. "Please don't blame me," the Cyprus Weekly quoted her note as saying. Colokassidou worked as a shop assistant in Larnaca, a southern port city.

ACCRA, Ghana (AP) - Police have arrested 15 people, including a retired army major and a tribal chief, on charges of involvement in a string of ritual murders last year, a government official has said. The official, who asked not to be identified, said retired Maj. Marshall Kokuvie Zomelo was among those arrested, as was an unidentified tribal chief, described as a "buyer of human parts." The official said the arrests followed investigations into 11 murder cases in which parts of the victims were mutilated for use in black magic rituals. He said the sex organs and hearts had been removed from the victims and in one incident an 11-year-old has decapitated. There are no exact figures on the number of such incidents, but the official said it was believed more than 100 murders in Ghana last year could be attributed to

Woman wakes up after a year in coma

PEKING (R) — A 24-year-old Chinese woman has recovered consciousness after one year in a coma, the official New China

26 die in Colombia army-rebel clash

people were killed in two days of clashes between guerrillas and soldiers in Colombia, military sources have said.

Meanwhile, the Venezuelan Armed Forces declared war on drug traffickers near the border between the two countries, Military sources in the Colomhian capital said 18 guerrillas

since Wednesday. Army Chief General Oscar Botero Restrepo said six guerrillas were killed in the troubled area of Uraba, near the border

and eight soldiers had been killed

He said the army also killed seven members of the pro-Maoist People's Liberation Army (PLA) accused of extorting money from ranchers in the north-western province of Antioquia.

According to the Defence Ministry, the others died in two battles, one that followed the occupation of the town of Cachira by 60 guerrillas.

In Caracas, the head of Vene-'war without quarter" on drug traffickers and guerrillas who have turned the area near the

Colombian border into a focus of violence and subversion.

"From this day forward, with all the force of our activity and our sense of patriotism, we declare a war without quarter against the banditry of subversion and smugglers," said Defence Minister General Eliodoro Guerrero Gomez.

Fifteen hundred troops have been sent to the area to combat an upsurge in drug trafficking and zuela's Armed Forces declared a a spate of kidnappings of Venezuelan cattle ranchers, which the government blames on guerrilla

Sihanouk quits Kampuchean coalition

PEKING (R) - Prince Norodom Sibanouk has withdrawn from the three party Kampuchean coalition which he has led in the fight against Vietnamese forces occupying his homeland, an aide "He is now leaving the coali-

tion completely," the aide told Reuters by telephone from Sihanouk's residence in Peking. Sihanouk has not yet told China of his decision, which took

Chinese Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang Monday, diplomats China is the main supporter of

the Khmer Rouge, the strongest military force in the coalition, and has provided a diplomatic base in exile for Sihanouk in Asked why Sihanouk had quit, the aide replied: "It's difficult to

say."
But he linked the resignation with a breakdown in relations

with Son Sann who heads the

that will be held Monday.

boycott of the polls.

been killed.

The guerrillas have called for a

The TNV has waged a 10-year campaign against immigrants from neighbouring Bangladesh.

who make up nearly 70 per cent of Tripura's 2.6 million people. More than 2,000 people have

Shortly after Gandhi told a

rally his government would "act

very tough" the rebels shot dead

nine people and wounded five at

Khmer People's National Liberation Front, the smallest of the three coalition factions.

One Asian diplomat was staggered to hear the news. He said that only Friday he had received from Sihanouk a hand-written note setting out his negotiating position in two rounds of recent peace talks with Kampuchean Prime Minister Hun Sen.

'He's like an unguided miswas how a senior Western diplomat described Sihanouk

a Sri Lankan government official

identified, told Reuters the Indian peacekeeping force had poss-ihly moved its last batch of troops into the island Friday with additional forces sent to the eastern districts of Batticaloa and

He said there were now 15,000 Indian soldiers in the two districts

have guerrillas been attacking on "The soldiers have been sent

whose civil administration has when the Tigers called for a civil

Jayewardene, nominal head of the Indian force in Sri Lanka, said in December there were 30,000 to 35,000 Indian soldiers in the island.

Javewardene was expected to return Saturday after a six-day

Tamils, guaranteed implementa-tion of the pact, which includes surrender of arms by the rebels and the establishment of semiautonomous provincial councils to enable Sri Lankan Tamils to

brought the former LTTE stronghold of Jaffna under their con-

The government official, who based his information on intelligence reports of Sri Lankan security forces, said two Indian divisions with 11 brigades have press forward with democratic been deployed backed with heavy armour and artillery. his final years.

military aid to key allies

security assistance to some key allies and is wiping out military aid to all of Latin America with the exception of three Central American countries.

sales programmes as well as a special category of economic assistance are being eliminated in 30 countries.

State Department showed that only Israel and Egypt will receive the same amount in fiscal 1988 as they did last year. And only one country with a major programme, the Philippines, is slated for an

countries left a relatively small pients.

In the military credit sales programme, Israel was earmarked by Congress for \$1.8 billion and Egypt \$1.3 billion, leav-ing only \$648 million for all other countries combined.

Among countries with which the United States has agreements governing U.S. access to military bases. Turkey is to receive only \$547 million. The administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan had promised Turkey to make a 'best effort" to obtain from Con-

Portugal was promised \$205 million annually but only \$117 million is being allocated, \$30 million less than last year. The Reagan administration is worried that Portugal may ask for a review of the 1983 base agreement with that country, which permits U.S. access to a major air base. Greece was cut back less sharp-

ly than some other base countries, a reflection of the pro-Greek sentiments of many on Capitol Hill.

Washington to reduce

many more bombers carrying air-

lannched cruise missiles and

bombs and place additional sea-

launched cruise missiles on sub-

The programme also would re-

Without offensive nuclear mis-

siles, "the future strategic en-

vironment would be characte-

rised by major uncertainties if

such a transition were to be im-

no limits on defences "would

create substantial motivation for

the Soviets to retain a covert

"Therefore, any negotiated

agreement to eliminate strategic

ballistic missiles unquestionably

ensures U.S. ability to verify

strategic ballistic missile force, according to the study.

Limits on offensive forces and

plemented," the study said.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government disclosed Friday it is cutting back sharply on

It indicated grant and credit

The figures released by the

increase.

The Philippines, where a leftist insurgency has been under way for years, will receive \$125 milion in grant military aid, compared with \$100 million last year. State Department spokesman Charles Redman said that the congressional practice of earmarking aid figures for specific amount for other countries that traditionally have been aid reci-

The result, Redman said, is the elimination of dozens of country programmes and "unacceptable cuts in others which will undermine U.S. objectives around the world."

gress \$900 million.

Millions grieve at Taiwanese leader's funeral

TAIPEI (R) - Millions of grieving people packed Taiwan roads Saturday as a flower-decked hearse carried the body of President Chiang Ching-Kuo from Taipei to a countryside tomb. Many bystanders threw them-

selves to the ground and sobbed while others knelt in silent tri-Helmeted soldiers in open

trucks led the three-hour funeral procession from Taipei's Martyrs' Shrine to Chiang's country estate near the tomb of his father, Chiang Kai-Shek, where the coffin was placed on a stone pedestal in a marble-lined room.

Crowds of farmers, schoolchildren and retired soldiers watched as the chrysanthemum-covered hearse passed by, preceded by a huge portrait of Chiang and a copy of his public will written in large black characters. The will called for Taiwan to

reforms Chiang spearheaded in

Earlier in the day, temple bells tolled and air-raid sirens wailed across Taipei as the coffin of the 77-year-old leader was carried by his former bodyguards to the

New President Lee Teng-Hui, dressed in a flowing silk robe, led

and foreign dignitaries. Chiang's Russian-born widow Faina, who was rushed to hospital with heart problems following his death this month, sat ashen-faced

m a wheelchair alongside her two sons and a daughter. The service in the shrine, dedicated to those who died in China's 1911 Nationalist revolution, was Christian. Both Chiang and his father were Protestants.

fruit as offerings to the soul of the president. "He always thought of the common people. That's why we'll

> bystander. Nationalists, led by his father,

fled to Taiwan from China as the. Communists took over the main-

effect Saturday, the aide said. The prince is due to meet

Indian tribal rebels kill 20 AGARTALA, India (RI -- Trib- Party in state assembly elections al guerrillas killed 20 Bengali settlers, including women and children, in Tripura hours after Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi ordered the army to suppress rebellion in the north eastern

state, police said Saturday. Tripura National Volunteer rebels raided and hurned two villages late Friday taking the toll from tribal attacks to 59 this month, compared with 77 in all of

Gandhi put the army in charge of law and order after visiting Marxist-ruled Tripura Friday to campaign for his Congress (11

Bulgarian ruling party adopts reform package

SOFIA. Bulgaria (AP) - The national Communist Party conference closed following unanimous approval of Soviet-style reforms and a warning from Bulga-rian leader Todor Zhivkov that implementing the changes would

"We know there will be many difficulties to solve," Zhivkov said in his closing address Friday. Politburo member Chudomir Alexandrov called for a change in who are passive and inert."

party work that would include a personal commitment to reforms from all Bulgarians. "Each Communist, each citizen should be personally committed to restructuring: That is

what we need." he told delegates. according to the Bulgarian News Agency BTA. At a later news conference Alexandrov elaborated by saying, "we cannot ahide with people

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Over 50,000 Indian troops are now in Ŝri Lanka

COLOMBO (R) — India now has at least 50,000 troops in Sri Lanka's north and east to enforce a pact aimed at ending the island's Tamil separatist rebellion.

said Saturday. The official, who declined to be

where guerrillas Liberation Ti-gers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE)

into the two eastern areas for the past 10 days," he said. The hulk are in Batticaloa been at a standstill since Jan. 18

disobedience campaign. Sri Lanka's President Junius

visit to India. He and Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi signed an agreement in July, India, which has 50 million

run their own affairs. Indian soldiers have been hunting down Tiger guerrillas — who repudiated the pact — after a massive offensive in October that

Paper to publish incriminating document on Waldheim portations during his service with Nazi occupation forces in the

ning. were destroyed, leaving hundreds
The Cape Times newspaper of squatters homeless.

Hundreds of shacks burnt in

S. African squatter war

BONN (R) — A West German magazine has said that it would publish a document showing that Austrian President Kurt Wal-dheim ordered the World War II deportation of 4,000 Yugoslav civilians while serving in Hitler's army.

The news weekly Der Spiegel said in a statement that the document, discovered by Belgrade historian Dusan Plenca, proved "his complicity in war crimes." Der Spiegel said it showed "that Lieutenant Waldheim, after a bloody battle with Partisans in

Bosnia's Kozara Mountains gave the order for the deportation of more than 4,000 civilians" in In Vienna, a spokesman for Waldheim said of the Spiegel document, "such a document is out

known to exist. It apparently involves a forgery."

Waldheim, who denies charges by Jewish groups that he committed war crimes by ordering de-

psalms, readings were taken from

Saffron-robbed Buddhist monks lined the streets burning incense and cannon fired a 21-gun

a memorial service in the Martyrs Shrine attended by 3,000 government and ruling-party officials

Lord's Prayer. The service ended in the Confucian tradition as the congregation bowed three times to the brass coffin. The streets of Taipei were lined with Buddhist altars stacked with

the Bible and a chorister sang the

miss him," said a 26-year-old Chiang was once the feared head of the secret police force which cracked down on dissent in the years after 1949 when the

In his later years Chiang Ching-Kuo developed a man-in-thestreet image, making frequent trips into the countryside dressed casually in a windcheater and High-school choirs sang

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LONDON (AP) - The British library said Friday it paid £600,000 (\$1.06 million) for the scores of the last 12 symphonies of Franz Joseph Haydn, the 18th century Austrian composer. The works were written during Haydn's two visits to London between 1791 and 1795 and are known as the London Symphonies or the Salomon Symphonies. Johann Peter Salomon was an Austrian violinist and impresario who settled in England and invited Haydn to London. Two of the scores are in Haydn's hand and the rest by

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — A thief took four etchings by 19th-century French painters Renoir, Manet, Pissarro and Millet from a Brazilian museum and is demanding \$60,000 for their return, police have said. The etchings were taken from an exhibit at the Art Museum in Porto Alegre, 1,558 kilometres south west of Rio de Janeiro, police said. Police gave no further details. The television network TV Globo said the etchings were part of a private collection of 42 works on loan to the museum for an exhibition. Each of the etchings had an estimated value of 30,000 and none was insured, TV Globo said. It said the theft occurred last weekend during visiting hours. The thief apparently loosened the screws over glass plates covering the etchings and took them. The theft was made public Friday after a man telephoned local newspapers saying he took the works and demanding the equivalent of 60,000 for their return. The exhibit was canceled. Reonir, Manet and Pissarro were associated with French impressionism. Millet was best known for his landscapes.

Teacher loses job for marrying divorcee

HUBBARD, Ohio (AP) — A teacher at a Roman Catholic grammar school has lost her job after marrying a divorced man whose previous marriage has not been annulled by the Roman Catholic Church. Some parents whose children attend the school are upset with the dismissal of Kathy Koker Doslovik. The parents met with Roman Catholic officials. Parents who attended the meeting said diocesan officials promised to investigate further. The officials declined comment, saying it was a private matter, Mrs. Doslovik, a Roman Catholic who has been a teacher in the diocese for 13 years, met her husband, Mladen, about three years ago when she went to Yugoslavia to visit relatives, according to parents at the school. Church officials say she will not be allowed to teach in the diocese while her husband's request for an annulment is pending. The Dosloviks were married in Yugoslavia on Dec. 30.

MOSCOW (R) — People were killed when a sewage reservoir burst in Soviet Kazakhstan, releasing a wave of stagnant water and gravel which destroyed two bridges, the Communist Party newspaper Pravda said Saturday. Without giving a casualty toll, Pravda said people died when the mudslide destroyed a bridge on the road between Kapchagai and Alma Ata, capital of the Central Asian Republic. The Soviet News Agency TASS said four people were trapped for half a day in two cars swept off the bridge into a river and one person died of exposure to cold. Pravda said the wave hit a 115-metre railway bridge over the River Kaskalen with narrowly averted when the driver of a passenger train heading from Novosibirsk to Alma Ata spotted twisted rails ahead and slammed on the brakes. Pravda said the army was called in to clear up the damage. It said the authorities were investigating the cause of the rupture of the reservoir, located 45 kilometres north

LINDEN, New Jersey (R) — A 26-year-old worker at a New Jersey scuba diving shop has been charged in the shooting death of his boss, who, according to police, begged to be killed. Fred Wisniewski, 26, has been charged in the shooting of 44-year-old Julius Bitman after his boss had given him a new Mercedes-Benz car and \$40,000 in cash to carry out the execution style killing.

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — An 18-year-old Greek Cypriot girl committed suicide in a small southern village because she was "so much tired" of life, newspapers have reported. The English-language Cyprus Mail reported that Andri Louka Colokassidou, 18, was found dying, when her mother and three sisters discovered a note she left stating her intention to commit suicide. The English-language Cyprus Weekly said Colokassidou was found by her sisters who went to "wake her up" from her afternoon siesta. She was rushed to hospital from her small mudbrick house in Avgorou village, but she was dead by the time she arrived. A post-mortem examination showed that she died from poisoning. Colokassidou said in the note to ber family, "I love you all and I don't want you to feel sorrow because I am departing from life which I have loved so much and of which I

Police arrest 15 for ritual murders

News Agency said Thursday. Tian Guiqin, a textile worker of Cangzhou, in the northern province of Hebei, had been fed intravenously since falling into a coma on Jan. 2 last year because of carbon monoxide poisoning but is now eating normally and is well on the way to recovery, the agency said.